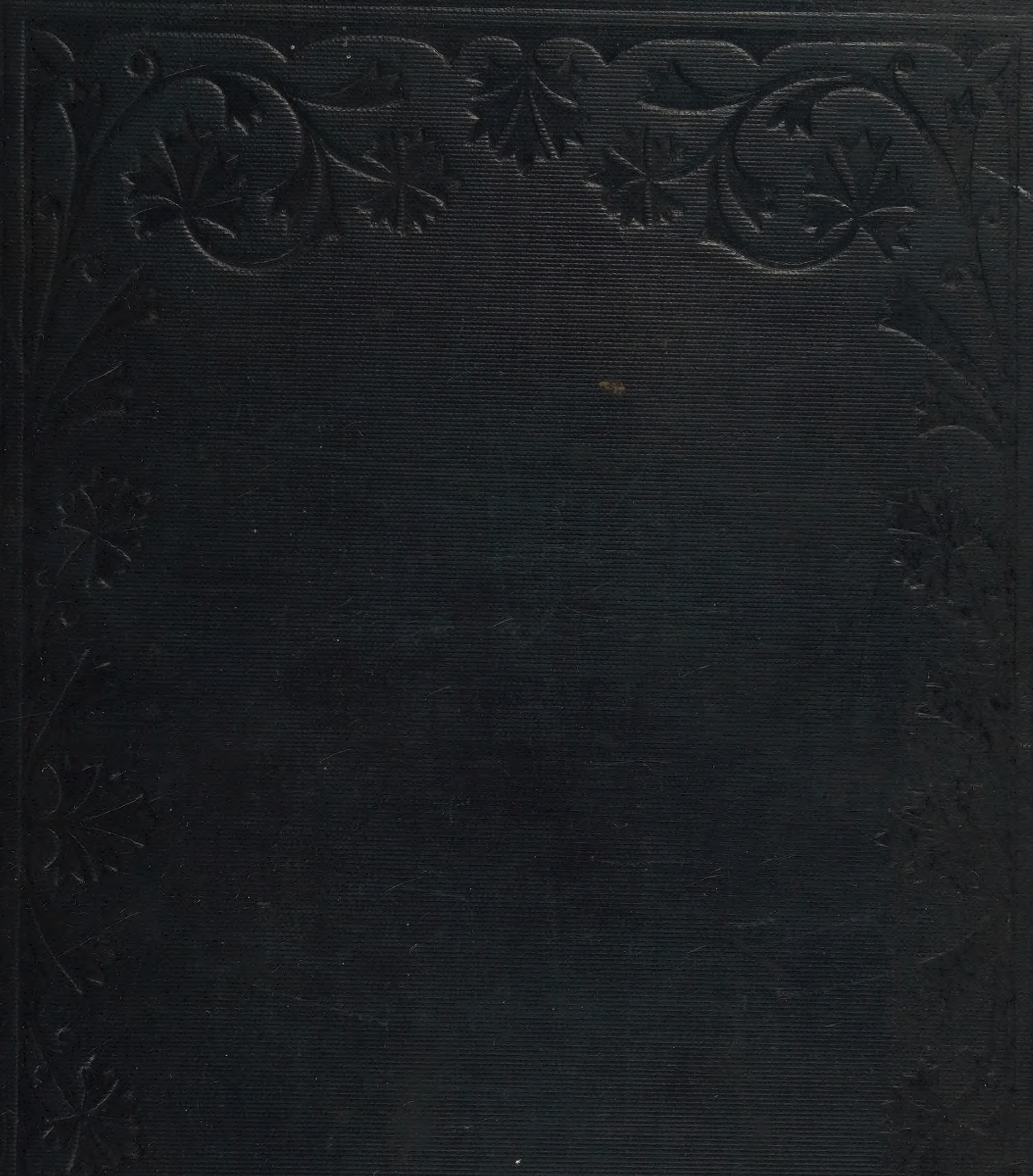

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DOMESTIC STATE PAPERS.

CHARLES II.

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Oct. $\frac{1}{10}$. Paris. H. Brouncker to Jos. Williamson. I send an enclosure, not knowing whether Sir John Trevor is in possession of the seals. Thanks for favours received from you. I have heard of them, since my departure, through a fair lady and other friends, and am sorry I have no way of returning them. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 247, *No.* 73.]

Oct. 1. T. Sprat to Williamson. I recommend the bearer, a gentlewoman of a noble family, that was ruined for the late King. Her husband had several considerable commands, and lost his life in the service, which being represented to his Majesty by petition, he commanded Henry Coventry to speak to the trustees for the Plate Lottery that her name should be put in, and she enjoy her share; this has been done, but she fears some prejudice, because Sir Thos. Sandys, to whom Coventry spoke, is out of town, and therefore I request your assistance. My lord duke promised to speak to Lord Arlington about it before his grace went out of town. [*Ibid. No.* 74.]

Oct. 1. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The Earl of Sandwich has departed for London, and the ship which brought him has sailed for the Downs. [*Ibid. No.* 75.]

Oct. 1. Ryde. Sir Wm. Morton to Williamson. I formerly sent a copy of the forged brief, and thank you for acquainting Lord Arlington with it. I will, by his command, proceed against the actors that I can lay hold of at the next sessions; but the principal offenders are in the King's Bench Prison in London. I will deal with them next term. I think it would not be amiss to publish the forgery in the *Gazette*, and prevent any further collections upon a forged brief; the moneys already collected should be ordered to be restored to the churchwardens, and by them to the persons who gave it, with directions to the justices, &c., to apprehend the carriers of such briefs, and see them punished. This if done under his lordship's name will endear the country to him, and manifest that love he has for the good of the people. [*Ibid. No.* 76.]

Oct. 1. Warrant to John Blundell to repair to Canterbury, or any other place, in search of Rob. Gilbert and Edw. Fray, carriers, and to bring them before Sir John Trevor. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 28, *p.* 18.]

Oct. ? Petition of John Hacket, clerk, to the King, for a presentation to the rectory of Theberton, Suffolk. Served during the late war as

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chaplain in the *Yarmouth*, and other ships named; applied to the Lord Keeper for the living mentioned, and sent recommendations from Henry, Bishop of Chichester, and Dr. [Nath.] Hardy, Dean of Rochester, and had a *fiat* signed for it, but by another name; this he found to be a mistake when he came upon the place, and the Lord Keeper promised it should be rectified, if it were in his disposal; but though the true value does not exceed 70*l.* a year, it was found in his Majesty's books to be rated high, viz.: at 26*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, and therefore is not in his lordship's gift. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 247, *No.* 77.] *Annexing,*

> *Certificate by Herbert, Bishop of Hereford, of the fitness of the petitioner to receive the presentation solicited.*—1 *Oct.* 1668. [*Ibid. No.* 77I.]

Oct. 1. Harwich. Capt. Silas Taylor to Sam. Pepys. His Majesty is expected here on Saturday; Sir Charles Littleton, and Major [Nath.] Dorrell, Governor of Languard, are expected this night, with the *Henrietta* and *Anne* pleasure boats. I hope they will not come so soon, as I have neither boat nor barge fit to receive his Majesty into. I desire you to send one by the pleasure boats, if they are not come away. I presume the Board fully understand his Majesty's intentions of being here, so that I question not but I shall have the happiness of waiting upon one of them here. Sir Bernard de Gomme, Engineer General, will attend his Majesty. [*Ibid. No.* 78.]

Oct. 1. *Emsworth* Sloop, Holehaven. Capt. Walter Perry to the Navy Commissioners. Has stopped, as ordered, several vessels come from Normandy, but the river being wide and the nights dark, if vessels will be obstinate, one can slip by while the boat is on board another. Is ordered to remain there until the *Lenox* yacht comes, which was expected 10 days ago. [*Ibid. No.* 79.]

Oct. 1. Portsmouth. Capt. John Tinker to Sam. Pepys. Desires orders as to victualling and cleaning the *Roebuck*, arrived at Spithead. [*Ibid. No.* 80.]

Oct. 1. The *Roebuck*, Portsmouth. Capt. George Liddell to the Navy Commissioners. Is arrived at Spithead. Asks orders for a pinnace, and also for cleaning the frigate, she having been off the ground 5 months. [*Ibid. No.* 81.]

Oct. 1. The *Roebuck*, Portsmouth. Same to the same. Understands by Capt. Tinker that he may have another cable, his own not being fit to venture the frigate by; shall not stay longer than to get his provisions on board. [*Ibid. No.* 82.]

Oct. 1. Chatham. John Moore and Edw. Moorcock to the Navy Commissioners. Particulars of the position of a wreck they have weighed out of the way of the trade up and down. Shall leave her till they have the third wreck, which lies in the middle of the river, which they hope to accomplish before the cold weather; then the channel will be open about Gillingham. The victualling proves indifferent, and the beef new killed and not well saved, so that it stunk; two hogsheads more have been sent, which is old and rotten. Pray that the victualler may order his instrument to complete their complement of beef, as the work and season of the year require them to be careful of the health of their men. [*Ibid. No.* 83.]

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Oct. 1. Gravesend. F. Hosier to Sam. Pepys. The *Wevenhoe* ketch has arrived from Tangier, having 24 men on board. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 247, *No.* 84.]

Oct. 2. Cambridge. Sir Nich. Armorer to Williamson. After the death of a fox and leash of hares, besides a brave horse race at Newmarket, I have reached Cambridge, on my way to Kimbolton, where I shall stay till Monday, when his Majesty will return to Newmarket. Do not fail to let me have a cast of your office. Lord Thomond won the great race, and as a frolic, I betted 2 guineas for you, which we have won. Noted, "At Kimbolton, to be left with the postmaster of Huntingdon; to be sent with speed." [1½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 85.]

Oct. 2. Newmarket. Earl of Thomond to Williamson. The Lord Steward keeps the best table here. [Sir Nich.] Armorer brought 2 guineas from himself and you, which were improved on Thump's victory, won by a yard, and so strait the entire 6 miles. The King is highly pleased with all his Newmarket recreations; up by candle-light yesterday morning, and this morning, hunting the hare; in the afternoon he hawks, and courses with greyhounds; to Harwich to-morrow, and on Monday here again. The Cup will be ridden for next week before the Queen; as you prize earthly paradises, you are to bring a maid of honour behind you next week. Thanks for intelligences. [*Ibid. No.* 86.]

Oct. 2. Suffolk Street. Elizabeth Lady Dysart to Williamson. I desire you to forward a letter enclosed, to Lord Lauderdale at Newmarket, and take care for the delivery of it and of the answer, as it is of some importance to me. I am going out of town, but will return on Monday, and send to your office for any letters. [*Ibid. No.* 87.]

Oct. 2. Fras. Rogers to Williamson. I find that putting off the Parliament has filled men's minds with suspicions that they are going to be governed in an arbitrary way, and that an army is to be raised; but these are fancies of their own making. I told Mr. Norris that the way to get an ensigncy in the Guards was by money, and he assured me it could be found, but "wanted a man of honour to make the business with the Colonel"; if that may be done by your favour, Mr. Norris may be advanced as he desires. I am to be addressed at Hereford. [*Ibid. No.* 88.]

Oct. 2. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. A French lord and his lady, with some 5 Frenchmen, arrived at Dover from Calais. The Frenchmen quarrelling, about half seas over, had nearly sunk the vessel. On arriving, they ran upon the rocks to the south of the pier-head, where the vessel broke in pieces, and the lady, to escape, leaped overboard to the shore, but slipped from the rock. Her lord offered a crown for one to fetch her, but none would undertake the work without 6, so the lord paid it, and one brought her out almost dead. Great search is making for a trunk lost worth 300*l.*, as also for other things of value. The ship that brought over Lord Sandwich has arrived in the Downs. The wind is high. With postscript,

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3 Oct. There are 22 sail of outward-bound ships come into the Downs; I will take special care of your Lisbon packet. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 247, *No.* 89.]

Oct. 2. Newcastle. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The great fleet still remains, and several other vessels have come in. [*Ibid. No.* 90.]

Oct. 3. Lyme. Ant. Thorold to Hickes. The *Hope* of Weymouth, arrived from St. Malo, reports that a great earthquake happened there the night before she sailed; also that there has been a great mortality amongst the inhabitants, 1,600 young persons and others having died of the small pox, &c., within a few months; also that the English trade is made very bad, there being no vent for our drapery, through the great import of wool from Ireland. A Galway vessel had lately a great quantity on board, and pretended it was for London, but landed it at St. Malo. [*Ibid. No.* 91.]

Oct. 3. Yarmouth. Rich. Bower to Williamson. A vessel from the East country ran upon the sands, called the Middle grounds, near Winterton, and was lost, but several of her goods, as tar, iron, and deals, have been brought ashore, and the men were all saved. John Woodroff and Thomas Dunn, both Yarmouth men, are the new bailiffs. The fishing is mean as yet, but if the weather proves good, they hope to have plenty, now the tides are lifted. [*Ibid. No.* 92.]

Oct. 3. Weymouth. John Pocock to Hickes. On the 2nd a Dieppe ship was cast away at Portland; she was bound for Rochelle for salt; the men were all saved. [*Ibid. No.* 93.]

Oct. 3. Col. Walter Slingsby and 4 other [trustees of the Plate lottery] to Williamson. Ask him to insert the enclosed in the *Gazette*, and to continue it for a month, or longer. [*Ibid. No.* 94.]

Oct. 3. Lord Mordaunt to Williamson. I would have waited on Lord Arlington for his pass and warrant, but was forced into Surrey on account of the militia. Pray put his lordship in mind of them, and that by Monday I may secure them, and his commands for France. [*Ibid. No.* 95.]

Oct. 3. Harwich. Capt. Silas Taylor to Pepys. Last night, the King's Harbingers came and took up all houses and lodgings. The King and his Royal Highness supped this night at my house, and will lodge here till Monday. Two of his chaplains are to pray and preach before him in our church to-morrow, and on Monday they go to Ipswich to Viscount Hereford's to dine. I am troubled that none of the Navy Commissioners are here, to speak to his Majesty and his Royal Highness about encroachments made upon the yard by the town; also for the want of a boat, when his Majesty comes to Landguard Fort. I am utterly ignorant how to get one supplied. I have stopped all the wherries here and at Ipswich, but not one is fit for them to come into; it is too late now to complain, I must shift as well as I can. [*Ibid. No.* 96.]

Oct. 4. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. Twenty sail of ships have come down outward bound. I gave the 2 packets to Mr. Callender, bound

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for Lisbon, and have 2 witnesses to the delivery, but no note would be given, the master not being on board. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 247, *No.* 97.]

Oct. 5. Holyhead. Lord O'Brian to [Williamson]. I came to Chester on Wednesday, and shipped my goods on Thursday, resolving to put out the next tide; but the wind came about to the south-west so violently, with most terrible storms of rain, that despairing of a passage, I came to Holyhead through the most heathenish country ever any man travelled. The packet is expected to-morrow from London, and I shall then put out with it for Dublin. I hope my lady and my wife with the children got safe to you, and will spend a happy winter. [2 *pages.* *Ibid. No.* 98.]

Oct. 5. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. Arrival and departure of ships. [*Ibid. No.* 99.]

Oct. 5. Pendennis. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. Arrival and departure of ships. Thirty sail are waiting a fair wind. [*Ibid. No.* 100.]

Oct. 5. London. Thos. Gardiner to Williamson. If you can accommodate my friend with his desire, I crave despatch in it; if it succeeds effectually, he has 20 pieces to present you with, and some for the solicitor. [*Ibid. No.* 101.] *Annexing,*

> *Note for Pierre d'Artiague of Bayonne, captain of the* Golden Herring, *laden with salt, wine, cloth, &c., to come from Bayonne to England, and return to Bayonne, on the account of John Westcombe, English Consul there.* [*French. Ibid. No.* 101I.]

Oct. 5. Resignation by James Forbes, vicar of Bovey-Tracey, co. Devon, of the said vicarage into the hands of Anthony, Bishop of Exeter, and appointment of Charles Heron, public notary, to present the said resignation. With attested certificate of the resignation, given at the vicarage of Bovey-Tracey. [*Latin.* 2 *pages.* *Ibid. No.* 102.]

Oct. 5. Coventry. Ralph Hope to [Williamson]. I must complain of the miscarriage of my letters for 5 successive Sundays, and of the remissness of the post here. I fear some sinister practice; pray inquire into it. I hope to see your relations on their return, and to have a more happy opportunity of waiting on them than on the last occasion. Your namesake and Mr. King send their salutes. [*Ibid. No.* 103.]

Oct. 5. Teddington. Lord Keeper Bridgeman to [Williamson]. I received yours with the several extracts and letter for Lisle, and Sec. Trevor came hither and showed me several packets. I read over Sir Wm. Temple's long letter and some others, and made remarks upon them, whereof Mr. Secretary took notes, and promised to write to Lord Arlington. The advice from Lisle, concerning the wools, is of huge importance to endeavour a remedy, though late; the Attorney had order a fortnight since to report to Council how he found the laws concerning wool, and wherein defective. I know not what has been done in it, though order was given by Lord Arlington that I should have extracts of what is done at every Council.

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I think that letters ought to be written from the Board to the Mayor of Canterbury, and the justices and deputy lieutenants in East Kent, and the coasts of Sussex, Essex, and Suffolk, enjoining them to search all houses where it may be supposed any wool is, to ascertain the quantities, to take the owners' answers for what uses they intend to dispose of it, and to certify with all speed to the Board; also to inquire after those that have transported it, that proceedings may be had against them. If you acquaint Mr. Treasurer or Mr. Secretary with this, and they like it, they will put it into a better form for the Board. Take care of the letter from Lisle, as I intend to make use of it when the Council of Trade sits. I began my letter with my own hand, but could not go through with it. [1½ *pages.* *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 247, *No.* 104.]

Oct. 5. Sir John Bennet to Andrew Ellis, General Post Office, London. Desires him to ask Williamson for a pass for his mare. [*Ibid. No.* 105.]

Oct. 5. R. Mayors to [the Navy Commissioners]. Has surveyed Mr. Fithy's East-country plank at Deptford, 80 loads, and judges it to be worth 3*l.* 10*s.* per load. With note that the Board offered 3*l.* 12*s.*, Mr. Shish, then present, saying he would give as much, but Mr. Fithy refused it, insisting upon 3*l.* 15*s.* [*Ibid. No.* 106.]

Oct. 5.
Treasury Chambers.
Sir George Downing to Pepys. Do not fail to meet me at Sir Robert Long's house to-morrow, about the money employed for the Fleet, on which we should have met the week before. [*Ibid. No.* 107.]

Oct. 6.
Bonadventure, Blackstakes.
Capt. John Narbrough to the Navy Commissioners. Is in Chatham river, for want of a pilot to carry the ship up; expected to have been supplied by the master of attendance, but the pilots are all out at present. Shall advertise his arrival at Chatham. [*Ibid. No.* 108.]

Oct. 6.
The *Greenwich*, Hope.
Capt. Rich. Beach to the Navy Commissioners. Being ordered for Chatham "when the merchants' concerns are out," asks for a pilot. [*Ibid. No.* 109.]

Oct. 6. Thos. Goose, purser of the *Sweepstakes*, to the Navy Commissioners. Wants an order for checking the sick book by his sea book, that he may have his due right, having, according to their orders, discharged all the sick that did not return aboard the day they were set ashore. [*Ibid. No.* 110.]

Oct. 6.
Dublin.
Sir George Carteret to the Navy Commissioners. Has had the *Harp* frigate surveyed, and as she is unprovided for service, has ordered her to Kinsale, to be paid off and laid up, except any contrary order from them intervenes. Judges the selling of her is not for the King's profit, because she is of so great charge for her small burden, that no merchant would offer money for her in those parts, where nothing is looked upon but the stowage. Has acquainted Lord Anglesey with the difficulty of getting money here,

and advised him what course to take to pay her off at Kinsale. Those that surveyed found no fault with her hull, which a little repair will make good. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 247, *No.* 111.]

Oct. 6.
Treasury Chambers.
Sir George Downing to the Navy Commissioners. The Treasury Commissioners desire a list of the ships lately come in to be paid off, and of the sums requisite for their discharge, specifying how much is for service before provision was made by the Eleven Months' Tax, how much for service during the time provided for by that Act, and how much since. At the foot is a list of six ships, and estimates that the sums due to them are—before 1 Jan. 1667, 5,267*l.* 10*s.*; thence to 1 Jan. 1668, 10,212*l.* 10*s.*; thence to 3 Oct. 1668, 9,625*l.* 15*s.*; total, 25,105*l.* 15*s.* [*Ibid. No.* 112.]

Oct. 6.
Woolwich.
Edw. Byland to Pepys. Asks for deals for the *Pearl*, and timber and plank for the new ship. Proposes buying that East-country plank at Deptford. Reports the goodness of the masts lately come [sent as a present to the King from New England]. [*Ibid. No.* 113.] *Encloses,*

> *Particulars of the length and diameter of the said masts, 24 in number.* [*Ibid. No.* 113I.]

Oct. 6.
Woolwich.
W. Hannam, master attendant at Woolwich, to the Navy Commissioners. Wants a boatswain appointed to the *Pearl*, in the room of the other lying ashore sick; as she is fitting for sea, asks whether to set the masts of the frigates there, or forbear, as the winter is at hand, and they will ride with more safety. [*Ibid. No.* 114.]

Oct. 6.
Chatham.
John Moore and Edw. Moorcock to Col. Thos. Middleton. Acquainted him that it was probable there were several ordnance, anchors, and cables scattered in the river Medway, by the burning and blowing up the ships when the Dutch were here, and proposed the terms on which they could employ persons to take them up, which was to have one half to themselves, excluding whatever was on board the wrecks they should weigh, and to have the use of a windlass lighter; if they saved nothing, the King to be at no charge, and they to expect nothing. Request him, if he thinks it fitting, to propose it to the Board, and to give his resolutions therein. [*Ibid. No.* 115.]

Oct. 6.
Ipswich.
Ch. Ludkin to Williamson. His Majesty passed through the town on Saturday, on his way from Lord Croft's house, near Bury, to Landguard Fort, but did not stay; he dined yesterday at the Lord of Hereford's house in this town, where they had all the expressions of joy possible, ringing of bells, discharging of guns, the steeples adorned with flags and streamers, the streets strewn with herbs and flowers, and echoing with the acclamations of the people, and prayers for his Majesty's health and prosperity. The bailiffs, portmen, and commoners attended his Majesty, and presented their mace, which they immediately received again, and after dinner, attended him on horseback, with the trained bands, out of the town. It was reported that the French and Dutch fleets have quarrelled in the Straits about the honour of the flag, and that the Dutch have sunk the French Admiral, and taken some of their ships. [1½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 116.]

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Oct. 6. Newcastle. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Alderman Ralph Jenison was yesterday elected Mayor of the town, and his son sheriff, to the great satisfaction of most. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 247, *No.* 117.]

Oct. 7. Milford. Jo. Powell to Hickes. A ship has arrived for Bristol, laden with tallow and hides; also one with sugar and cotton from the Barbadoes, bound for London. [*Ibid. No.* 118.]

Oct. 7. Milford. Jo. Powell to Williamson. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 119.]

Oct. 7. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Hickes. Has no news, but that the ships still remain in harbour. [*Ibid. No.* 120.]

Oct. 7. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Williamson. Arrival and departure of ships. [*Ibid. No.* 121.]

Oct. 7. Lyme. Anth. Thorold to Hickes. The *Windsor*, of Lyme, has arrived from Morlaix, and reports that the sickness still keeps in Rouen, and that 30 or 40 die weekly, but that it has not spread much further in the country; the inhabitants keep up a good correspondence with the English, and hope their Ambassador will draw them to a nearer union. [*Ibid. No.* 122.]

Oct. [7.] Wettmere. J. Aldrich to his uncle, Rob. Francis. We apologize for brevity. Having this morning heard the nothingness of a long-winded Presbyterian, it has put us quite out of conceit of long sentences, so I have only to beg you to convey a letter enclosed, and to acquaint my father that we defer writing, having no business. [*Ibid. No.* 123.]

Oct. 7. Bury. [Lord Arlington] to Williamson. I have just come hither. I could not speak to the King at Saxham, nor until to-day, by reason of the uncertainity of his motions; I shall wait upon him early to-morrow, and receive his pleasure upon all the letters sent, and afterwards follow him to Audley End, where he means to sleep to-morrow night. I have written a large letter to Sir J. Trevor in answer to his. I send some papers.

P.S.—8 Oct. I have got the King to sign the enclosed papers, but have not time to answer Lord Ashley, who has his Majesty's leave to go into the country. [1½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 124.]

Oct. 8. Ann Harper to the Navy Commissioners. Desires they will move his Royal Highness that her husband may resign the appointment of storekeeper at Chatham in favour of his eldest son, whom he has brought up under him. His health was much impaired by being at the water early and late during the war, and he has received small encouragement, as his salary for the last two years has not been paid. [*Ibid. No.* 125.]

Oct. 8. Jas. Hayes, Secretary to Prince Rupert, to the Navy Commissioners. Asks for an order to the master attendant at Deptford to receive the *Eaglet* ketch, lent to the Prince, Duke of Albemarle, and others, for an expedition to Hudson's Bay, which has been abandoned through the violence of the weather. [*Ibid. No.* 126.]

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Harwich.

Capt. Silas Taylor to Pepys. The King arrived here on Saturday the 3rd instant at 3 p.m., from Landguard Fort, attended by the *Henrietta* and *Anne* yachts with his kitchen. Not having any boat or barge fit to receive him, I made a stage to run into the water, upon which he landed, and gave me his hand to kiss. The Duke of York was with him; he was attended by the Dukes of Monmouth, Buckingham, and Richmond, Earl of Oxford, Lord Cornwallis, Marquis of Blanquefort, &c.; he was received by Sir Charles Littleton and two companies of his Royal Highness's regiment quartered here; then by the Mayor and Aldermen, who presented their maces and keys, which he touched and thanked them.

I was then called to show him the yard, to which he first went, and asked whether the *Resolution* and *Rupert* were built at that launch, and, together with the Duke, praised it for a good launch; he viewed the yard, cranes, and situation, and went up the works, and circuiting the greatest part of the town, returned to my house. He asked to whom the house belonged; I said it was his Majesty's: he then asked if the storehouses in the backyard belonged to it, and what was in them; I told him they were for naval stores; he asked what the house cost; I told him 300*l.*, also how big it was, and upon being told it had 4 rooms on a floor, he replied it was a cheap pennyworth, and the Duke entering the parlour, the King said, "Brother, this house is my house, and it is a pretty one." He refused to drink, because it was supper time, and took boat at the stairs near, and was rowed on board the *Henrietta* while it was light, and came not ashore that night, but sent the Duke of Monmouth to lodge at my house; also cooks and others to make ready his dinner against the morrow.

He landed alone the next day, Sunday, at 6 o'clock, and was waited upon by Sir Charles Littleton and Sir Bernard de Gomme; he went on foot out of the town, viewing all the places in relation to fortifications, and examining some drafts offered by Sir Bernard, which he rectified in the field at 2 or 3 stations, with his own hand, by a black lead pen and ruler. After a 5 miles' walk over high stiles and ploughgrounds, his Royal Highness found him out, and after some discourse and pacing the ground, returned. The King then went to "his house" (as he called it 5 or 6 times that morning), and drank some chocolate, but his Royal Highness and others drank Canary, and then to church, as well attended and accommodated as the little town could; his chaplain, Dr. Tully, preached. He returned to his house to dinner, the King and his Royal Highness dining in the great parlour, the Dukes of Monmouth and Buckingham in the Duke's lodging chamber, the other nobles dining in the little parlour, and the waiters in the hall.

After dinner, the Earl of Oxford presented a petition from the two prisoners that had stolen junk from the hulk. The King pardoned them as to their lives, but ordered them a sound whipping and to be released. I was busy just then in the yard with Mr. Wren, but the King sent for me, and declared his royal pleasure to me. The King and most of the lords sailed that evening to Aldborough, and the next day, rode by land thence to Ipswich, dined with

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Viscount Hereford, and returned in the afternoon to Audley End. [2 *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 247, *No.* 127.]

Oct. 8. Stockwith. John Robinson, master of the *James* hoy, to the Navy Commissioners. Has arrived at Stockwith to load timber, and shall make all the despatch he can. [*Ibid. No.* 128.]

Oct. 8. Sebergham, Cumberland. Hen. Baxter to Williamson. It was neither forgetfulness nor neglect that prevented my returning the money as promised, but inability; for venturing into the air too soon has caused a relapse, which has prevented my following my own occasions, but I have found a friend who engages to return it very shortly. As the Bishop of London would have given me a patent for the Almoner's place in Cumberland, at your entreaty, if shortness of time and want of money had not forced me to leave it, I beg you will cause Mr. Francis to take the patent of the Bishop for me, and pay the fees, and I will return it with the other money in a post or two. I wish I could give you the least satisfaction for having been more than a father to me in my greatest distress. [*Ibid. No.* 129.]

Oct. 8. Sir Phil. Musgrave to [Williamson]. I have seen your letter to my son Christopher. Thank you for your advice not to have my business with Mr. Aglionby heard at the Council table, till his Majesty is present. I have written to Lord Arlington; pray second me in it. I hope to make it appear, notwithstanding all the aspersions cast upon me, that I am as honest as I have been accounted. [*Ibid. No.* 130.] *Annexing,*

> *Sir P. Musgrave to Lord Arlington. Upon my petition to Council against Mr. Aglionby, for a scandalous order procured by him from the Corporation of Carlisle against the garrison, Aglionby was ordered to appear before Council on the* 21*st instant. Hearing that his Majesty is not likely to be then in town, I request that the hearing may be respited until his return. His Majesty should hear any objection against a person whom he has thought worthy of trust. If any crime can be proved against me, let it be as publicly known as is possible. I shall not be there myself, as I would not leave my duty upon private concernment; but my son Christopher will come, prepared to vindicate my reputation. If his Majesty grants my request, pray certify the same to the Lord Keeper or some other of the Privy Council in London.* [*Copy.*] *Oct.* 8, 1668. [*Ibid. No.* 130i.]

Oct. 8. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The ship built by the Dutch knight will be launched the end of the month; the *Milford* is here, to be fitted for sea for the winter guard. [*Ibid. No.* 131.]

Oct. 9. Letter Office, London. James Hickes to Rob. Francis. Thanks for the book sent by Charles [Perrot]. Encloses 20s. from Hen. Barnard for half a year's intelligence. [*Ibid. No.* 132.]

Oct. 9. Yarmouth. Rich. Bower to Williamson. A letter from Secretary Morice was read in the assembly of Aldermen and Common Council, intimating that his Majesty took notice that several persons were taken into offices without taking the prescribed oaths, and warning them to take care for the future, as this, if neglected, would create great mischief. There have already crept into the Common Council some who frequently keep the greatest conventicles in the town.

Since Mr. Bridge's coming, the Independent faction is grown so high that the Minister will be forced to lay aside the performing of his duty in the burial of the dead, their rudeness being such that they not only jeer and laugh at him, but make a noise, that he may not be heard; some have been so impudent as to lay their hands on his book. Others, more modest, have buried their dead by stealth. The prayers and the thanksgiving for his Majesty's restoration was torn out of the Common Prayer as it lay in the church. Their ringleader, Mr. Bridge, is grown so high that he threatens his members with excommunication if they go to hear our ministers. He has seduced several of late, and made them members of his congregation, and takes upon himself to baptize their children. Were our ministers, as I fear too many others are, of an evil life and conversation, or anyways turbulent, they might pretend some colour for their madness; but as the ministers have applause for their sober carriage, courteous behaviour, and sound doctrine, the grief and trouble must be at the ordinance. If some care is not taken to stop their madness, it may be divined what will ensue. A gentleman has been sent down by the King to take a survey of the town which has bred the belief that his Majesty will be soon here. Great quantities of herrings have been brought in lately. [1¼ *pages*. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 247, *No.* 133.]

Oct. 9.
Audley Inn.
Lord Arlington to Williamson. Arrival and despatch of letters. I wonder anybody should imagine there needed the formality of entering Secretary Trevor into all the Committees of the Council where Secretary Morice sat, as secretaries have always sat *ex officio;* notwithstanding, I moved his Majesty, who laughed at me for the doubt. The Lord Chamberlain has arrived; I will speak to him concerning their Majesties' going to Cambridge, but they have both promised that the University shall have six days' warning at least, for the preparation of their speeches. I have written to the Lord General, by his Majesty's command, concerning the disposal of the men come from Portugal. The French Ambassadress must have been misinformed, else she could not possibly have taken ill her Majesty's refusal to see her. Let the Prince of Ligny's papers be looked out, that I may see whether it will be fit for his Majesty to move anything in it, or what kind of answer to make to the Prince. [*Ibid. No.* 134.]

Oct. 9.
Chapter House,
Chester.
Hen. Bridgeman, dean, and the chapter of Chester, to the King. Signify their election of Dr. John Wilkins as bishop. [*Latin, parchment. Ibid. No.* 135.]

Oct. 9.
Chapter House,
Chester.
The same to Dr. John Wilkins. Certify their election of him as their bishop, in place of George Hall, deceased; have signified the same to the King. [*Latin.* 1½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 136.]

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Oct. 9. Presentation of John Hacket to the rectory of Theberton, co. Suffolk. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 19, *p.* 85.]

Oct. 9. Licence to John, Viscount Mordaunt, to travel beyond seas for the benefit of his health. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 85.]

Oct. 9. *Bonadventure,* Ockamness, Chatham. Capt. John Narbrough to Sam. Pepys. Is waiting for a fair wind, the pilot being unwilling to remove without it. The guns are nearly out, but vessels are here wanting for that business. Desires them to give 120 tickets to his purser, Thos. Smith, who has written that they require the captain's hand for them. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 247, *No.* 137.]

Oct. 9. [Navy] Treasury Office. R. Waith to the Navy Commissioners. Received their commands by a woman, with a list of 8 persons' names; she was busy inquiring whether their tickets were paid or not; his books not being made up, could not answer her till to-day. Needed not so sharp a provocation to despatch, as of all people busied with tickets, no one is less subject to indulge corrupt interests than himself. Gives a list of tickets of 8 seamen, with the amount due to each, &c. [*Ibid. No.* 138.]

Oct. 9. Return by Benj. Boate of 6 calkers who were pressed for the yard at Portsmouth, but have not appeared at the carrier's who was to be at Portsmouth yard on the 15th. [*Ibid. No.* 139.]

Oct. 9. Navy Office. T. Hayter to Mr. Reynolds. Pray certify the names of the surgeons put in bills for the *Eagle* and *Roe* ketches. With note by R. R[eynolds] Thos. Stanford removing to the *Newcastle* at sea, Thos. Robson's name was put into the bill, but he not attending, and John Hoybin coming into the ship, he and Mr. Selby for him received the free gift and imprest; also that Rob. Stylots, of the *Roe* ketch, is to receive the money on the bills of 29 November, 1666. [*Ibid. No.* 140.]

Oct. 9. Certificate by J. Wren, that Nich. Hill, commander of the *Spy* sloop, has cleared his victualling account, from 31 May to 20 July 1668, and was allowed no extra necessary money thereon. [*Ibid. No.* 141.]

Oct. 9. The *Harp,* Dublin. Capt. Robert Hooper to the Navy Commissioners. By Sir G. Carteret's order, has had the ship surveyed; she is found weak and worse than he took her to be; supposes the survey has come to their hands. Received their orders to sail to Kinsale, and lay the ship up there, but she is not in a condition to go without repair, and her victuals are expended. The purser has supplied provisions hitherto, for which he is not yet satisfied, and thereby they are now obstructed. With note that the book was sent to Lord Brouncker's office the 31st. [*Ibid. No* 142.]

Oct. 10. The *Roebuck,* Portsmouth. Capt. George Liddell to the Navy Commissioners. Shall make his way for Ireland. Capt. Tinker has ordered him another cable, his being bad; only waits till the provisions are put on board. [*Ibid. No.* 143.]

Oct. 10. The *Edgar,* Kingroad. Capt. John Wettwang to the Navy Commissioners. Has bought most of the small things for the carpenter's stores, and the rest are making; the value will amount to 40*l.*, which they may order of Sir John Knight, of whom he has received 4 anchors and 6 guns. Hopes to be ready for the first fair wind; is only waiting for a little ballast. Has 216 men on board. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 247, *No.* 144.]

Oct. 10. Audley Inn. M. Wren to Pepys. His Royal Highness having given me leave to stay two or three days at Ipswich with my relations, I only returned to Court last night. I will reply to the Commissioners' letters on returning to town. The Duke has commanded me to send you orders to Capt. Shepherd to bring back Sir T. Bond, who has gone to-day to Calais with little Mr. Hyde; I hope this will come time enough to keep him there, and prevent the necessity of sending another yacht for him. I fear the *Dartmouth* has not yet left the Downs and gone on her voyage; I beseech you to quicken her, as it is of great importance to the security of the Canary trade that she does not lose a minute's time; I hope she is gunned and manned as in time of war. With note that this came after the *Monmouth* yacht was gone. [*Ibid. No.* 145.] *Enclosing,*

> *M. Wren to Capt. Shepherd, commander of the Duke of York's yacht, the* Anne. *You are to stay at Calais for Sir Thos. Bond, who intends to be there on the* 16*th, and to bring him, with what he shall put on board, to England.—Audley Inn, Oct.* 10, 1668. [*Ibid. No.* 145I.]

Oct. 10. Harwich. Capt. Silas Taylor to Pepys. The hulk must be calked if she stays here the winter, and have new cables. Has only three labourers, except those hired by days on emergency. The muster boat and many things, both in yard and housing, are so much out of repair, that they will be damaged this winter; the wharfings need filling with earth, the windows glazing, and the wall and chimneys repairing, &c. [*Ibid. No.* 146.]

Oct. 10. Harwich. Certificate by Wm. Garrard, mayor, John Hunter, justice, and two aldermen of Harwich, that according to the order of Aubrey, Earl of Oxon, at the foot of the petition of Wm. Shymous and Rich. Harris, sent to his Majesty when at Harwich, they have caused the two prisoners to be whipped in the public market-place, and discharged them, and that the junk stolen is returned into the stores. [*Ibid. No.* 147. *See p.* 9, *supra.*]

Oct. 10. Portsmouth. Capt. Ant. Deane to the Navy Commissioners. Is in hand with the *Milford*; she will be ready on Monday to take in provisions, if the commander comes down. The 16 calkers promised are not come; desires their despatch, also orders as to the work to be performed in calking, repairs, etc., on the fleet here, to keep the ships from rotting. Wants a supply of broom, deals, and wainscot. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 148.]

Oct. 10. Grant to Thos. Lamplugh, D.D., of the place of Dean of Ripon, void by promotion of Dr. Wilkins to the Bishopric of Chester. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 19, *p.* 85.]

Oct. Docquet of the above, dated 17 Oct. [*Docquet, Vol.* 23, *No.* 368.]

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Oct. 10. Warrant to pay out of the privy seal dormant 200*l.* to Arthur Berkely, as the King's free gift. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 85.]

Oct. 10. Privy seal for 5,000*l.* to Sir Stephen Fox, for a secret service of much importance. Minute. [*Ibid. f.* 85.]

Oct. Docquet of the above, dated 17 Oct. [*Docquet, Vol.* 23, *No.* 274.]

Oct. 10. Whitehall. Petition of Rich. Annis, clerk, to the King, for a presentation to the rectory of Lawshall, Suffolk. Was presented to it in May last by Sir John Lea, patron, on the death of Edw. Brewster, the last incumbent; was inducted, and is in actual possession, but has since been informed that, at the time of the presentation, the said Sir John Lea was outlawed for debt, and could not lawfully present. With reference thereon to Lord Keeper Bridgman, and his report, 20 Oct., 1668, that his Majesty may grant the petitioner's request. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 247, *No.* 149.] *Annexed,*

> *Certificate by Jo. Clark, LL.D., and* 4 *other clergymen in favour of the said petitioner.—Oct.* 17, 1668. [*Latin. Ibid. No.* 149I.]

Oct. 10. Audley End. Jo. Richards to Williamson. You are to wait on my Lord of Bath, and express Lord Arlington's sorrow for his indisposition. I send a paper to be inserted in the *Gazette,* concerning a horse lost. Monsieur Schomberg has gone to London, with letters for the Lord General and Sir John Trevor, and a packet for you. The King and Lord Arlington arrived at Audley End on Thursday last; his Majesty and the Duke of York are this morning gone a-hunting; the King intends for Newmarket again on Wednesday. Lord Ormond and the Duke of Buckingham having stayed behind at Newmarket, were sent for by express, in order to complete further instructions to Sir Wm. Temple. Order Mr. Francis to send some *Gazettes,* as all here are clamorous for them. [*Ibid. No.* 150.]

Oct. 10. Milford. John Powell to Hickes. No fresh ships have arrived; those already here wait for a fair wind to carry them to their ports. [*Ibid. No.* 151.]

Oct. 10. Weymouth. John Pocock to Hickes. I am advised, by a vessel from Morlaix, that the uninfected places in Normandy petitioned the French King for leave to go to the fairs in Brittany about their occasions, but that the answer was a sharp edict, strictly prohibiting any person, upon pain of death, or the penalty of having their goods burnt, to come or be brought out of any places in Normandy, so that all commerce is utterly destroyed between them. A great frigate which is to carry 116 guns has been launched at Brest, and 5 more are on the stocks. [*Ibid. No.* 152.]

Oct. 10. Bristol. Jo. Fitzherbert to Williamson. The *Amity* from Nevis, laden with sugar, &c., reports that there has been an earthquake at some of the Caribbee Islands, which makes them fear a hurricane, that being usually the forerunner of it. The French refuse to restore St. Christopher's to the proprietors, according to the Articles of Peace, and demand 2,000 cwt. of sugar first, which the planters

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refuse to pay. A coaster belonging to Tenby is reported to be cast away in the Channel with 11 passengers. The *Edgar*, that was lately built at Bristol, is in Kingroad, well manned, &c., and ready to embrace the first fair wind, as also many ships bound for most of the considerable ports. Sir Thos. Allin with his fleet put into Malaga, a month since, and sailed the next day for Algiers, having a few days before ordered some men-of-war to cruise about Sally. [*S.P.Dom., Car. II.* 247, *No.* 153.]

Oct. 10. Portsmouth. Capt. Ant. Deane to Williamson. I will send answers to your queries by the next post, as they ask more time to write than my business will allow me to spare. [*Ibid. No.* 154.]

Oct. 11. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. I have delivered the 2 packets for Lisbon. A French merchant ship is in the Downs, bound for London, but is not permitted to pass, having been there only 2 days. As you hear of the arrival of ships from the Post Office, I refrain from sending any account. [*Ibid. No.* 155.]

Oct. 11. Audley End. Lord Arlington to [Williamson]. I have received your letters, but have not heard from Sec. Trevor as promised; I return several papers signed, as also the King and his Royal Highness's letters for France, which you are to send to Lord St. Albans. I will speak to the Lord Lieutenant [of Ireland] about Barker's pretended land; if Barker's receipt for the money Sir Dan. Bellingham is to pay me be not sufficient, you are to give your own also, and frame such a discharge as he would have from me. The money is sent by Rob. Leigh from Ireland, but without the formality of a bill. [*Ibid. No.* 156.]

Oct. 11. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Mary Rose* and *Antelope* have arrived at Spithead with the soldiers from Lisbon, but they are not permitted to land till they have an order from the Lord General. These 2 ships are bound for the Thames, having above 300,000 pieces of eight for several merchants of London. Col. [Rich.] Nicholls has arrived in a Dutch ship from his Government at New England, and has gone to London, leaving all there in good condition. [*Ibid. No.* 157.]

Oct. 11. Portsmouth. Capt. John Tinker, master attendant, to Pepys. The *Roebuck* has lost no time, has all things aboard, and will sail by the first fair wind. The *Mary Rose* and *Antelope* have arrived at Spithead, and both want necessaries. Prays a dormant order for supplying ships with stores in case of exigency, and also an order to enter men on board to fit out the *Milford*, and fit the rigging, and for a boatswain for the new flying ship, as they talk of launching her in 6 or 7 weeks. [1¼ *pages, damaged. Ibid. No.* 158.]

Oct. 11. The *Mary Rose*. Capt. Thos. Darcy to the Navy Commissioners. Asks for a supply of cables and sails. Has had none of the sails ordered for him on board the *Monmouth*. [*Ibid. No.* 159.]

Oct. 11. Portsmouth Ropeyard. Gr. Peachy, clerk of the ropeyard, to the Navy Commissioners. Report on the wet state of Mr. Acworth's hemp, brought from Woolwich by Capt. Dudley Hooper, in the *Expedition*. Has

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already given an account of the damage it received by the wet, and of what was rotten and not fit for the service. Endorsed with an order 3 Nov. from the Navy Commissioners, that the freight is to be allowed for what he received on board, abating the value of what was damaged, or delivered short.—Nov. 3, 1668. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 247, *No.* 160.]

Oct. 12. London. Edw. Dering to Pepys. I send authenticated copies of orders received from my factors at Hamburg, relating to goods provided for the service, and lost in the Hamburg fleet in May 1665, for which I want satisfaction; they have been delayed by my absence from town. I am going a journey into Suffolk which will detain me 14 days; after that I shall make bold to kiss your hand, and promise myself a despatch of this business. Endorsed with a list of the letters, &c., enclosed, which were delivered to Mr. Pointer, 22 Oct. 1668. [*Ibid. No.* 161.]

Oct. 12. Pulborough. Chr. Coles to the Navy Commissioners. Shall dispose of none of his provisions fit for the service until he has waited on them, which cannot be till next week, though he could get a larger price than their Honours will give him. With assistance of money, can furnish as good as any man they deal with, if he knows to provide beforehand. Is shipping the best plank in Sussex for Portsmouth, and can furnish them with all sorts of tree nails, as good as any man in England. With note that the answer is referred to his coming to town. [*Ibid. No.* 162.]

Oct. 12. Woolwich. Wm. Acworth to the Navy Commissioners. I send an account of 16 old longboats and pinnaces, sold to Mr. Wood at a public sale at Deptford; they were appraised at 10*s.* each, though worth much more, by Capt. Hannam, who delivered 9 of them without my privity, or that of any other officers, and said he would answer for it. I send measurements of the 7 remaining. I have delivered the old spun yarn to gunners for wadding. [*Ibid. No.* 163.]

Oct. 12. Woolwich. Abra. Ansley and 4 other officers at Woolwich, appointed to weigh the wrecks, to the Navy Commissioners. Desire they may discharge 4 of the vessels they have for weighing the wrecks, which are too weak, and engage 4 others larger and more fit for the purpose, in case they cannot be done without. [*Ibid. No.* 164.]

Oct. 12. The *Lenox*, Holehaven. Capt. John Holmes to the Navy Commissioners. Has brought the *Lenox* into her station, and desires further order and 4 additional men, having only 10. [*Ibid. No.* 165.]

Oct. 12. Portsmouth. Capt. Ant. Deane to the Navy Commissioners. The *Milford* being graved and near fitted, will go off the ground. Is getting the *Dartmouth* ashore for graving. Is in great want of many things mentioned in his last demand, but above all of 3-inch plank, on which most of the works of that place depend. [*Ibid. No.* 166.]

Oct. 12. The *Emsworth*, Holehaven. Capt. Walter Perry to the Navy Commissioners. The *Lenox* has arrived. Has stopped two English ships from Newhaven, but they had nothing but ballast. They clamour to be freed before their 40 days are over; cannot do this without their Honours' order, and there are 2 others, who have stayed out their 40 days' quarantine, and gone up for London. Asks for a supply of provisions, and hopes they will be more kind in the next, as the beef and pork from Deptford were very bad. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 247, *No.* 167.]

Oct. 12. Audley End. Lord Arlington to Williamson. I have given an account to Sir J. Trevor of his Majesty's resolutions to be sent to Sir Wm. Temple. The Queen resolves to go back to London on Thursday, finding herself indisposed. [*Ibid. No.* 168.]

Oct. 12. Letter Office. James Hickes to Williamson. The mails are delayed. Is preparing to wait on him, though late. [*Ibid. No.* 169.]

Oct. 12. Pendennis. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. All the vessels outward bound laden with pilchards have sailed, and not one has arrived this fortnight. [*Ibid. No.* 170.]

Oct. 12. Swansea. John Man to Williamson. There has been violent weather for 15 days. A Tenby bark, bound for Bristol with corn, was run on shore at Rosilly, near Swansea, and split in pieces; 8 passengers were lost, and the cargo of corn; more wrecks are feared. [*Ibid. No.* 171.]

Oct. 12. Hull. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. The Greenland traders in Holland have had such bad fortune in their fishing that rape seed rises apace, and great quantities are shipped for Holland, 4 vessels partly laden therewith having already sailed, and more daily making ready. Two vessels have sailed for Bordeaux with coals, lead, and butter, and 2 arrived from Bordeaux wholly laden with prunes, rosin, and vinegar, a thing never known in the port of Hull before; also a vessel from the Zierik-See for lampones [lampreys?], which are in abundance in Hull, and very cheap, but no vent, that trade in this port not being known; therefore I am to desire you that it may be published. A quarrel happened between 2 common soldiers; in the dispute, one of them was slain, and the survivor is committed to custody. [*Ibid. No.* 172.]

Oct. 12. West Horsley. Sir Edw. Nicholas to Williamson. I thank you for the return of all my books of entries.* I recommend my steward, Knowles, a ready and able man, for employment as a clerk, and will become security for his fidelity and industry. I would have written before, but have been suffering from a tedious attack of the gout. [*Ibid. No.* 173.]

Oct. 12. Sir John Bennet to Williamson. The master of the Dutch packet boat was not arrested by any of my office, but by a common information, and by the Act, anyone has liberty to do it for transgressing the law; but the Ambassador, to get him free, would put it upon another account. I know my brother [Lord Arlington] will not, nor may, release any thus attached; if desired he may be bailed, but he must stand the suit. [*Ibid. No.* 174.]

Oct. 12. Weymouth. John Pocock to James Hickes. A Dartmouth ship has been forced into the road, with fish from Newfoundland. She was

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* These are probably Nicholas's letter books as Secretary of State, which are missing from the State Paper collections.—Ed.

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intended for a market in Portugal, but being forced away before she had taken in all her lading, she came direct for England. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 247, *No.* 175.]

Oct. 13. Jo. Carlile to Williamson. Lord Mordaunt, with one servant, has gone to Calais. The Calais and Nieuport packet boats have arrived. The contagion continues at Dieppe and Rouen. I will send the remainder of the accounts, which Mr. Blayney pretends are not accounted for, by which you will see that Blayney is in error, and has put me to 50*l*. charge, besides the loss of time. [*Ibid. No.* 176.]

Oct. 13. Audley End. W. Perwich to Williamson. No more letters must be sent, as Lord Arlington will be in town to-morrow. The Queen is better, but holds to her resolution of being at Whitehall on Saturday night. The King goes to Newmarket to-morrow. [*Ibid. No.* 177.]

Oct. 13. Teddington. Lord Keeper Bridgeman to [Williamson]. I have imparted the contents of the packet sent to Sir J. Trevor, and with his consent, have added something to his letter to Sir W. Temple enclosed, which answers his last 3 letters, except as to the Marine Treaty. I cannot give instructions thereon until Lord Arlington's return, nor then without consulting the Council of Trade (whose commission is not yet passed), or some other merchants, for the States will expect that the English should put in all their demands at once, and those already made only proceed from the East India Company. I will be in town on Saturday, to attend Lord Arlington. [*Ibid. No.* 178.]

Oct. 13. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Col. Nicholls only went for London yesterday, not being able to despatch his things ashore till then. The officers of the soldiers that came from Lisbon remain at Portsmouth, no order having come for their disposal. Consul Maynard is also come with the *Mary Rose* and *Antelope* from Lisbon, and is bound for London. The *Dartmouth* frigate is fitting for the Canaries. [*Ibid. No.* 179.]

Oct. 13. Milford. John Powell to James Hickes. No news worth presenting. [*Ibid. No.* 180.]

Oct. 13. John Powell to Williamson. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 181.]

[Oct. 13.] Warrant to pay to Thos. Elliott, housekeeper of the house lately bought by the King at Newmarket, 300*l*. for his charges in keeping the house, airing the rooms, &c., from the time it was bought to Michaelmas last. [*Draft. Ibid. No.* 182. *Repeated on p.* 83 *infra.*]

Oct. 13. Minute of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *p.* 88.]

Oct. 13. Portsmouth. Capt. John Tinker to Sam. Pepys. The *Dartmouth* arrived at Spithead, and will be off again with all possible despatch; hopes they have ordered her provisions. Capt. Liddell has sailed with the *Roebuck* for Cowes. Asks for a supply of candles. [*Damaged. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 247, *No.* 183.]

Oct. 13. Ordnance Office. Edw. Sherburne to Pepys. Desires a list of all the King's frigates, ketches, fireships, or other hired vessels that have been either taken by the Dutch, burnt, or sunk, from the beginning of the late Dutch war to the end. [*Ibid. No.* 184.]

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Oct. 13. Kinsale. Capt. Wm. Poole to the Navy Commissioners. I was forced at Vintry, in Ireland, to supply both the *Crown* and the *Norwich* with provisions upon my own credit. The ships are incapacitated to keep at sea, for want of sails and rigging. I have been disappointed in my hopes of a supply out of the King's stores here to carry me home, and have been obliged to run into debt for them; I hope to be reimbursed on my arrival. I am in great distress for a cable, and cannot be supplied although it were to save the ship, notwithstanding there be some here. I am only waiting for wind to carry me to the Downs. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 247, *No.* 185.]

Oct. 13. *Bonadventure.* Capt. John Narbrough to the Navy Commissioners. I am at Ockam Ness in Chatham river, but detained by westerly winds; I will get the ship up to her moorings, the first opportunity. The guns are mostly out, but there is no officer here to receive them. [*Ibid. No.* 186.]

Oct. 14 London. Wm. Newland, purser of the *Barbadoes Merchant,* to the Navy Commissioners. You will be sensible, by the papers and certificates annexed, of my indigent condition, through the unwarrantable dealings of my captain. By the certificate of Thos. Lewis, I am debtor 146*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.*, and creditor for 42 tons of cask and 116 iron hoops; but these belong to the Royal Company, and I am accountable for them. As to the extravagant exhausting of the provisions, I present my affidavit, and desire you to dispose of me as shall seem just, not having exposed any to my own use. Having had my papers detained, I could not act as authentically as required. [*Ibid. No.* 187.]

Oct. 14. Yarmouth. John Huntington and Wm. Williamson to the Navy Commissioners. Arrived with their hoys, the *Adam and Eve* and *Black Dog,* in Yarmouth Roads on the 9th inst., and put into the pier through bad weather; will depart the first opportunity. [*Ibid. No.* 188.]

Oct. 14. Royal assent for Dr. Wilkins to be Bishop of Chester, in place of Dr. [George] Hall, late Bishop. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 19, *p.* 85.]

Oct. Docquet of the above, dated Oct. 17. [*Docquet, Vol.* 23, *No.* 268.]

Oct. 14. Note that Rob. Gilbert and Edw. Fray, being in John Blundell's custody, entered into a recognizance in 100*l.*, with securities, for their appearance on notice, to answer the charge against them by the Postmaster-General. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 28, *p.* 18.]

Oct. 14. Pass for Sir Mark D'Ognaté to come to England. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 85.]

Oct. 14. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Williamson. A commission sat at Penrhyn last week, for examining persons about embezzlement of prize goods, during the wars. A privy seal is reported to be coming down, which causes much talk. The winds have been so tempestuous that no ships have sailed; one coming in from Wales, laden with coals, was cast away. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 247, *No.* 189.]

Oct. 14. Thos. Holden to Hickes. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 190.]

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James Baskerville to Williamson. The *Unity* from Cadiz reports that they of Sally have 4 or 5 men-of-war out at sea, of which one is the *John* pink of Bristol, lately taken by them, and fitted with 10 guns. Capt. Rooth is plying before the bar there with 2 of his Majesty's ships, and doubts not but he will light upon some of them coming home. Several ships are in the port of Bristol ready to sail, of which the *Edgar* is one. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 247, *No.* 191.]

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Certificate by Sir Rob. Long that his Majesty, by privy seal, 30 Sept. 1661, directed the payment of 3,000*l.* to Mary Greaves, as a free gift out of the Exchequer, of which only 1,700*l.* has been paid. [*Copy. Ibid. No.* 192.] *Annexing,*

> *Memorandum stating that there was an assignment under Lord Berkshire's hand,* 24 *July* 1662, *to Dame Mary Graves, of his Majesty's patent of* 12 *April* 1661 *for* 8,000*l., charged upon the Receiver of Yorkshire, at* 1,000*l. a year, in consideration of* 5,000*l. in hand paid and acknowledged. Also another assignment of the same to T. H., dated* 21 *Dec.* 1667, *to be void upon payment to him of* 150*l. Also a letter of attorney from Lord Berkshire to Lady Greaves, dated* 24 *July* 1662, *to receive bonds and perform covenants. Also an attested bond from him,* 21 *Oct.* 1668, *under a penalty of* 7,400*l., to pay* 3,700*l. on* 23 *Jan. then ensuing.* [*Ibid. No.* 192I.]

Oct. 15.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. I sent my man to look after your horse, which is at the Antelope inn; it is a bay colt and well attended to; I desire directions as to its disposal. The soldiers that came from Lisbon have been landed, and 70 of them are taken into the garrison—viz, 10 in each of the 7 companies; the officers and the rest of the soldiers will go to London, to be entertained in the Guards. The troopers also march for London, their horses being left behind at Lisbon. Some of them, being drunk, affronted the Governor, Sir Phil. Honeywood, and 3 were committed to the Marshal, one whereof was ordered to be put in irons. The *Mary Rose* and *Antelope* remain at Portsmouth till the wind will allow their sailing for the Thames; the *Roebuck* is in Stokes Bay, having been fitted to fetch Lady Orrery from Ireland, and then return hither. The *Dartmouth* frigate is getting ready to sail for the Canaries, and the *Milford* for the winter guard. [*Ibid. No.* 193.]

Oct. 15.
Chatham.

John Moore and Capt. Edw. Moorcock to the Navy Commissioners. We are endeavouring to gain good fastening to the third wreck, and in a week's time shall be able to lift at her, and hope to have her ashore. We beg an order to the master shipwright to caulk the flyboat, which leaks in the upper deck, as the rain will prove bad for the lodgings of the men. The victualler's agent here seems not yet to have received an order to complete the residue of our fresh meat. [*Ibid. No.* 194.]

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Oct. 15. Portsmouth. Capt. Ant. Deane to the Navy Commissioners. We graved the *Milford* as soon as you ordered her to be fitted for the winter guard. If his Royal Highness has no occasion to use her, she is put into a good condition of preservation, which is all the loss that can happen. We have hauled off the *Dartmouth*, and will give all possible despatch to the rest of her works, and hope you will order her to proceed on her voyage. Particulars of a new ship building. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 247, *No.* 195.]

Oct. 15. Faversham. Edw. Ridgway, purser of the *Victory*, to the Navy Commissioners. I am informed that you are dissatisfied with me for not giving due attendance upon you and to my business. I have been under a fever and ague 17 months, but am better, and hope in a fortnight or 3 weeks' time to wait upon you, and despatch my business. [*Ibid. No.* 196.]

Oct. 15. *Bonadventure*, Chatham River. Capt. John Narbrough to the Navy Commissioners. I have got my ship up to Gillingham Reach, and hope by the next tide to have her up to her moorings. [*Ibid. No.* 197.]

Oct. 16. *Bonadventure*, Chatham. Same to the same. I have brought my ship to her moorings at Chatham. [*Ibid. No.* 198.]

Oct. 16. Woolwich. Col. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Coming hither this morning, I found 20 house-carpenters walking about the yard, having no man to look after them, as the foreman appointed never comes near. They are a company of shabby fellows, that cannot earn 4*d.* a day by their labour, being old men or boys, and it is a pity the King should be at the charge of such as can do little, and will do nothing. They desire to be discharged; I desire orders therein. Mr. Byland cannot prevail on them to work, and the overseer never comes near. With note, 17 October, that Sir John Mennes hourly expects money for discharging men in the yards, and undertook to begin with these. [*Ibid. No.* 199.]

Oct. 16. Woolwich. Same to the same. John Clarke has served in the timber he was under contract for, and offers to sell 200 loads more, specially good, at 58*s.* a load. [*Ibid. No.* 200.]

Oct. 16. Woolwich Ropeyard. Wm. Bodham, clerk of the ropeyard, to the Navy Commissioners. The walk, 1,018 feet by 16, where cables used to be laid, having been many years floored with planks from old ships, wants repair. The *House de Swede* being to be broken up, some of her timber might be ordered in for that work; short pieces as well as long will turn to account in the repair. [*Ibid. No.* 201.]

Oct. 16. Yarmouth. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Two vessels bound for Rotterdam put back by contrary winds; a Yarmouth vessel from Rotterdam arrived, laden with merchant goods; great quantities of herrings have been brought into the town the last few days. [*Ibid. No.* 202.]

Oct. 16. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. Has no news; agues and fevers prevail much. [*Ibid. No.* 203.]

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Oct. 16. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. Has just returned from Exeter very weary; has no news, begs to be excused writing to Williamson. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 247, *No.* 204.]

Oct. 16. Inner Temple. Wm. Church to Williamson. Mr. Baker has solicited me to beg that Barker may be permitted to go abroad, notwithstanding any matter against him at the suit of Major Bill; I will acquaint the warden with it, and have it done if it can be with safety to the warden, but I doubt there are other things against him; I will go to the prison in the morning to be satisfied. [*Ibid. No.* 205.]

Oct. 16. Extract from a letter that a ship has arrived in the Texel from Keurassoa [Curaçoa ?], the master of which reports that he met a Turkish privateer of 12 guns in the Bristol Channel, with 2 English ships taken prize, and that he was twice forced into England by the said privateer. The 5 Spanish ships arrived at Ostend with 1,200 men from Spain were engaged near Cape Finisterre by 5 Turkish men-of-war, but being seconded by some English men-of-war, the Turks left them. [*Ibid. No.* 206.]

Oct. 17. Chester. Ma. Anderton to Williamson. Yesterday the Right Hon. Charles, Earl of Derby, Alderman of this city, was elected Mayor, *nemine contradicente*, and sworn in accordingly. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 248, *No.* 1.]

Oct. 17. Whitehall. Letter of news to Sir Edw. Hales, M.P., Sittingbourne, Kent; being extracts from letters calendared above, and from the following:—

We hear that on Aug. 1, there happened a hurricane at Barbadoes, which blew a ketch ashore, sunk several boats of sugar, tumbled down the corn, and tossed it up and down the island. Lieut.-General Willoughby, with Col. Byam, and all their attendants, embarked for Antigua, intending to touch at St. Vincent's, Dominica, and Montserrat, so that it is feared they have had their share of the effect of it to the leeward. The town that was lately burnt runs up apace. The Assembly of Barbadoes have sent an address to his Majesty, praying a supply of guns and ammunition, which have been sent, as also several privileges for the advantage of the island.

His Royal Highness came to town on Tuesday, and the Queen on Thursday.

A vessel from Malaga reports that Capt. Rooth met a Sally man-of-war with an Ostend prize, which he engaged and took with the prize.

Dieppe remains free from the plague, the people being removed from the 4 infected houses, and the goods burnt.

The Lunenburg forces that were designed for Candia, finding that their obstinacy will not take with the States, who have so disposed their affairs as to force them, in case they shall refuse the service, have now dissembled a willingness to go. There is a discourse that orders are given to their Admiralty to equip ships to give themselves satisfaction for the pretences they have

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upon Portugal, for moneys unpaid by the last agreement. The people believe that the revolt of the Count of Bentheim was by the contrivance of the Bishop of Munster, and that by the instigation of France.

The new election in Poland is expected in January. Meantime notice is given to all foreign ministers, that they ought, by the fundamental laws of that kingdom, to retire to their masters, upon which they are upon their departure. Many of the nobility seem inclined to choose the Great Duke of Moscow, although the Czar seems not much to mind it; but the more sober part of the grandees are for the Duke of Newburg, who it is thought will carry it, the clergy standing generally for him.

The Earl of Northumberland died on the 13th, and it is confidently affirmed that Lord Lexington is dead also.

The Turks have opened a breach of near 50 paces in Fort St. Andrew in Candia, but were beaten off with petards, to the loss of 4,000 or 5,000, and not above 3 of the besieged. General Morosini is gone for Candia, with 100 gold chains and medals to be disposed of according to merit.

There are many complaints as to Algiers ships taking the French, but they deport themselves fair enough to the English; the reason may be the advice they receive of Sir Thos. Allin's coming, as they were very inquisitive whether he was coming to those seas, and being informed that he is, said they were glad, and hoped they should come to a true understanding.

The Tripolines made ill use of the absence of the English Consul, and took 2 English ships, but a visit by Sir Thos. Allin will make even accounts.

The prebend of Exeter, void by advancement of Dr. Wilkins to the Bishopric of Chester, is bestowed on Mr. Bold, chaplain to Lord Arlington.

The fishery at Newfoundland and Yarmouth has been very good this year.

The commission appointing Prince Rupert Constable of Windsor Castle has passed the Privy Seal.

On the 16th, the herald and officers at arms went into the chapel of Westminster where the body of Sir Wm. Waller was interred, and took down the arms and trophies that were set up in honour of him by his relations, they being false and beyond his quality.

His Majesty has returned to Whitehall from Audley End, and as the foot guards that attended him there are marching hither, it is thought he will not return thither. [3 *pages*. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 248, *No.* 2.]

Oct. 17. Reference to Sir Hen. de Vic, Chancellor of the Garter, of the petition of Capt. Edmund Barber, for the place of a poor knight of Windsor, void by death of Capt. Punchion, Newans since admitted being uncapable of the place, because married. With note for Barber's admission. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *p.* 71.]

Oct. 17.
Westminster.
Warrant to John Lord Robartes, Keeper of the Privy Seal, to draw up an order to the Keeper of the Great Seal for a patent

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granting to Dr. Thos. Lamplugh the Deanery of Ripon, void by promotion of Dr. Wilkins to the Bishopric of Chester. [*Parchment. Latin. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 248, *No.* 3.]

Oct. 17. Grant to Rob. Swan of 80*l.* a year, for faithful service to the King in his escape after the battle of Worcester. [*Docquet, Vol.* 23, *No.* 268.]

Oct. 17. Abstract by P[epys] of warrants, letters, and orders issued between 10 Dec. 1667 and 19 Sept. 1668, with respect to hemp purchased of Sir John Shaw, which was found not answerable to his contract, but for which the Board finally determined that they would give 25*l.* per ton, instead of 39*l.* as asked by Sir John Shaw. [2½ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 248, *No.* 4.]

Oct. 17. Ordnance Office. Jonas Moore and Edw. Sherburne to the Navy Commissioners. The captain of the *Bonadventure* complains of being delayed because no ordnance clerk was there to take the gunner's stores. One of our clerks has been at Chatham since Monday, but the masters of attendance being both away, the guns were not taken out till the 15th. The clerk was there to receive the gunner's stores, but the master and pilot declared they would not let them go, for fear the ship should prove too light to turn up through the wrecks; we have therefore taken as much care as in us lies, to prevent any growing charge. We shall endeavour the same in the rest of the ships coming up, only desire that no stop or neglect may be in the master of attendance to take the guns out, which generally is the occasion of stop, if any there be. [*Ibid. No.* 5.]

Oct. 17. *Bonadventure,* near Upnor Castle, Chatham. Capt. John Narbrough to the Navy Commissioners. I have ever given my attendance on board, and John Gorely, the pilot, has not moved out of the ship until at her moorings, when he thought fit to sail, and I judged he understood that office better than myself; if you have been misinformed, I presume the masters of attendance who sent him aboard will justify the pilot. [*Ibid. No.* 6.]

Oct. 17. Harwich. Capt. Silas Taylor to the Navy Commissioners. Particulars of a hulk and her expenses, also of some lighters and boats, and of repairs required; was obliged to have his house glazed before the King came, especially the Duke of Monmouth's lodgings. Will proceed with good husbandry. Will want 60 loads of clay for wharfs, and a stack of chimneys. [*Ibid. No.* 7.]

Oct. 18. Portsmouth. Capt. John Tinker to Pepys. If the *Milford* is not going to sea, will have her up again to her moorings; will go on with the rigging of the new ship, as soon as the boatswain comes down to take charge. Requires 200*l.* to buy brooms and candles, and shall be as careful as if it were for himself. The *Mary Rose* and *Antelope* sailed yesterday, and the *Dartmouth* will depart for Spithead on Wednesday, but requires men, and also oars, of which there are none in store. [1½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 8.]

Oct. 18. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. The *Antelope* and *Mary Rose* have arrived, pilots say from Portsmouth. [*Ibid. No.* 9.]

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Oct. 19. Certificate by Mar. Lister and 13 others, that Rich. Buckworth, of Cockerington, co. Lincoln, clerk, is fit to be employed in the preaching of God's word, and ministry of the Holy Gospel and Sacraments. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 248, *No.* 10.]

Oct. 19. Weymouth. John Pocock to James Hickes. Two ships have arrived from Bordeaux, laden with new wines and prunes. They say that many English ships are loading there, and that the French hold the wines at great price. [*Ibid. No.* 11.]

Oct. 19. Coventry. Ra. Hope to Williamson. Samuel Heywood, ironmonger, has been chosen mayor. He has the repute of an honest man, yet he is as rough and unpolished as his ware. To revenge himself on the city for choosing him, he threatens them with the want of their customary feast on Allhallows Day, when he is to be sworn. Edward Lapworth, clothier, and Dan. Shaw, were chosen sheriffs, but the first has run away to avoid the office, and Shaw has paid the fine of 100 marks; one Warden, a butcher, was chosen in his room, but he also chose to pay the fine rather than serve, as also did Burne, a fellmonger; so for the present there are no new sheriffs, the old ones continuing in their places. Thos. Rogers and Matt. Parker are the new chamberlains, and Rich. Haywood and Henry Cooke, wardens.

The demolished steeple is nearly finished, being already above 40 yards high. We are also repairing the beautiful and famous monument called the Cross, a structure which, it is said, yields to none in England for curiosity and gallantry, though it now wears many badges of the late ruinous times, as well as of age, and will cost no small charge to restore it to its former splendour. There is much discourse of a strange discovery of witches at Warwick, many of whom are said to be in hold. [*Ibid. No.* 12.]

Oct. 19. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Hickes. A fleet of about 20 sail left for France and the Straits, but by reason of contrary winds, put back again. [*Ibid. No.* 13.]

Oct. 19. Swansea. Jo. Man to Williamson. The *Peter* of Hamburg ran ashore near Llanelly, Carmarthenshire, and split into pieces; her cargo of tobacco and sugar was all lost, but the men saved. They saw neither sun, moon, nor stars for 11 days, and so mistook the channel. [*Ibid. No.* 14.]

Oct. 19. Jo. Russell to Rob. Francis. I expected to have seen you before, but Sir John Trevor would not part with me, and made me engage to stop until the spring. I am glad to hear that Sir John has obtained his long expected place. I received a letter from that gentleman in Paris who is one of the 24 violins to the King of France, offering to send the last pieces that were played at the great feast at Versailles; if you like to have them, I will write to him for them. How has Sir John Trevor disposed of the places under him? [*Ibid. No.* 15.]

Oct. 19. John, Bishop of Durham to Lord Arlington. Having appointed Col. Ralph Cole one of my deputy-lieutenants for the county

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Palatine of Durham, I desire you will obtain and signify his Majesty's consent, according to the Act of Parliament. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 248, *No.* 16.]

Oct. 19. Portsmouth. Capt. Ant. Deane to the Navy Commissioners. The *Dartmouth* will be ready by Wednesday. I will enquire where a supply of plank can be had, so as not to be tied to Mr. Cole's, but I hear from others that there is not one to serve goods like unto him. I told them the service should not depend on one man. They say that several began to serve the yard while they had ready money, in the hopes of which they have run so far in by bills still unpaid, that they cannot trade; but Mr. Cole, having a greater stock than the rest, holds up now the others are laid down. I have heard him say that unless you pay him 3,000*l.* owing, he was likely to cease trading with the rest.

Mr. Eastwood gave you notice of the timber felled in Titchfield Park, and bought by private men, and all the best trees docked for buckets, which would grieve anyone to behold such strange destruction to such rare goods, and indeed jewels, as well in this country as others. Unless you declare how far I may engage, I despair of doing service. I cannot repair the ships without planks, and find little timber hereabouts, except Col. Norton's in the New Forest, and the late Lord of Southampton's. [2½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 17.]

Oct. 19. Kinsale. Wm. Penn to the Navy Commissioners. Sends Capt. Poole's demands and receipts for sails and a mast supplied to the *Crown* and *Norwich;* also 3 muster books of those ships and the *Merlin.* [*Ibid. No.* 18.]

Oct. 19. Victualling Office. Sir Denis Gauden to the Navy Commissioners. Has sent the additional allowance of two men's victuals for two months for the *Lenox* yacht. [*Ibid. No.* 19.]

Oct. 20. Hull. Jos. Blaydes to the Navy Commissioners. Prays payment of money disbursed by his father, who had no salary; the creditors will no longer wait for their money, as they sold the goods cheap. [*Ibid. No.* 20.]

Oct. 20. Hull. Jos. Blaydes to Pepys. Desires he will do what he can in obtaining payment of the money owing, being in great strait and necessity. [*Ibid. No.* 21.]

Oct. 20. [Navy] Treasury Office. James Pugh and Phineas Pett to the Navy Commissioners. Crave their commands, there having been but two books kept at the pay of ships, one of which is sealed up at the Navy Office, but two are necessary for making up of the accounts. [*Ibid. No.* 22.]

Oct. 20. Commission for Sir Thos. Sandys, Bart., to be Lieutenant and Major of the King's troop of Guards. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 20, *p.* 194.]

Oct. 20. Pass for a horse to Hamburg for William Skinner of Hull. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 85.]

Oct. 20. Grant of denization to [Matthew] Bens, native of Holland. Minute. [*Ibid. f.* 86.]

Oct. Docquet of the above, dated 28 Oct. [*Docquet, Vol.* 23, *No.* 269.]

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Oct. 20. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. A vessel has arrived from Newfoundland, and a Frenchman touched here from Greenland. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 248, *No.* 23.]

Oct. 20. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Your colt shall be taken care of, and brought up by easy journeys, so as not to wrong him. The *Antelope* and *Mary Rose* have sailed for the Thames. [*Ibid. No.* 24.]

Oct. [20.] Tuesday. Earl of Strafford to Lord Arlington. Mr. Caveno has re-taken the person that so impudently abused all the persons he addressed, and afterwards ran away. Endorsed " Weddingham." [*Ibid. No.* 25.]

Oct. 20. Earl of Nottingham to Williamson. I presented to Lord Arlington an order from the Treasury Commissioners to Sir Rob. Long, requiring him to issue a warrant for my half-year's pension, the whole amounting to 1,166*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* a year, upon which Sir Robert made a certificate, which is annexed to the order in his lordship's hands, saying that as the privy seal directs my payment from the Customs, they cannot order it elsewhere. As the pension is my only means of subsistence, and a year and a half is due, pray use your interest with his lordship, that I may obtain an effectual order for striking tallies of assignment upon the Customs, for the arrears of the pension, and for its future payment. [*Ibid. No.* 26.]

Oct. 20. Sam. Tooker to Williamson. I heard from Sir George Downing that the Treasury Commissioners desired to speak with me; I was prevented going, and wrote by Capt. Stampe that although their lordships had reduced me from 400*l.* a year, promised by Sir John Lawson, his Majesty's Admiral—whose word ought to be observed—to 100*l.* a year, yet I was willing to accept it, provided they paid it from the time I was re-established by Sir John Lawson, on 18 Oct. 1661. The answer is that their lordships will advise with Lord Arlington about it. Pray put in a favourable word for gaining the 600*l.* in arrear; I will give you 50 pieces for your pains. [*Ibid. No.* 27.]

Oct. 21. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Williamson. The fleet of merchantmen for France and the Straits put to sea again on the 19th, but the third time are driven back. [*Ibid. No.* 28.]

Oct. 21. T. Holden to Hickes. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 29.]

Oct. 21. Milford. John Powell to James Hickes. A ship of Southampton, being several hundred leagues on her way to Virginia, spent her masts, and has put into Tenby, intending for Bristol for repairs. Several merchant ships have arrived at Cork from Barbadoes, with most of their merchants in them, each bringing his horse, and these are setting forward for London. The *Crown* frigate and another King's ship have also come into Cork. [*Ibid. No.* 30.]

Oct. 21. J. Powell to Williamson. To the like effect. [*Ibid. No.* 31.]

Oct. 21. Yarmouth. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Yesterday 200 laden colliers sailed by; there are here 4 or 5 fly-boats, and a ship laden with lead and red herrings for the Straits; several ships are fitting for Bordeaux and the Straits, and will sail the end of the week. [*Ibid. No.* 32.]

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Oct. 21. Sir Thos. Sandys to Williamson. Wishes his commission to be delivered to Major Sandys; will return his thanks for it to-morrow. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 248, *No.* 33.]

Oct. 21. Statement by Counsellor Jos. Ayloffe, of the case relative to prize ships in Scotland, which were sold to the English, on an order that they should be admitted to free trade in England, on paying customs as the English ships, if a list were sent by the Scotland Admiralty to the Custom House; but the Custom House Officers objected to admit them, the list not having been brought in. Arguments in favour of their naturalization, and suggestion that it should be done by a grant from the King, with a *non obstante* of the Act of Frauds. [*Ibid. No.* 34.]

Oct. 21. Invoice by John Russell of timber laden on board the *James* hoy at Stockwith, to be delivered to the Navy Stores at Woolwich. [*Ibid. No.* 35.]

Oct. 21.
Ordnance Office. Edw. Sherburne to Sam. Pepys. Thanks for the list of vessels [sunk, burnt, &c., in the late war]; will keep it a secret; desires, when a perfect list of the whole is stated, to be a participator, as the Commissioners of Accounts are very earnest for an account of the Ordnance Stores lost in them, and without that list, he cannot punctually proceed. [*Ibid. No.* 36.]

Oct. 21.
Bristol. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Commissioners. Prays them not to forget the condition of these parts, but to order the disposal of the offal timber and slabs at Conpill, so that the attendance, rent, and incidental charges may be taken off. [*Ibid. No.* 37.]

Oct. 22.
Navy Office. Giles Bond to the Navy Commissioners. Desires an order to the victualler for a supply of provisions to the *Hope* galliot, lying at Woolwich. [*Ibid. No.* 38.]

Oct. 22.
The *Crown*, Downs. Capt. Wm. Poole to Sir Wm. Penn. Sailed from Kinsale on the 19th with the *Norwich*, but lost her company near Scilly, the weather being thick. Desires cables may be sent down, which will be re-delivered when they come up the river; fears else for the safety of the ship, if there be stress of wind in the Downs. [*Ibid. No.* 39.]

Oct. 22.
Harwich. Capt. Silas Taylor to the Navy Commissioners. Particulars as to laying up of lighters, fitting up a muster boat, repairing the dwelling house and wharfs, and disposing of the hulk, &c. [*Ibid. No.* 40.]

Oct. 22. Col. B. Reymes to the Navy Commissioners. A bill of exchange is due from me, which calls for money, and my dependence on the present payment of your office has so disappointed me that unless you help, I shall very much suffer. I will never fall into the like fault again. [*Ibid. No.* 41.]

Oct. 22.
Portsmouth. Capt. Ant. Deane to the Navy Commissioners. The *Dartmouth* is ready to sail. Has treated with Mr. Mayle about 200 very good trees or 500 loads of timber in Titchfield Park, at 38*s.* per load at Warsash, or 40*s.* at Fareham. Inclines to the first place, as being the better lading place for the hoys. The timber is to be well

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squared, and 50 feet to the load, which will be a very good bargain; knows of no supply like to it, except in New Forest. Mayle wants 300*l.* on the delivery of 200 loads, and the remainder when all is down. He gives them 14 days to take or refuse it, and if they take it not, those of Southampton will, and will give a greater price. [1½ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 248, *No.* 42.]

Oct. 22. Portsmouth. Capt. John Tinker, master attendant, to Pepys. The *Milford* shall remain where she is, and will proceed no farther without orders. I know no more of Mr. Steventon's account than that he said he had sent it. I have had 9 dozen of oars at 18*s.* per dozen brought in, and have promised payment, not doubting re-imbursement, for the *Dartmouth* could not go to sea without oars; I shall not meddle with any more, until you order money to pay for these. We want hand spikes, and I am going to view some.

Pray remember me when you meet with his Royal Highness, who promised, when here, to help me concerning my bills, or with the Earl of Anglesey. I have been 3 years out of my money for accepting his Majesty's bills. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 43.]

Oct. 22. Letter Office. James Hickes to [Williamson.] I will wait upon you and Sir Gilbert Talbot in Tothill Fields, or at the Globe near there, on Monday, unless the meeting is put off. I must hint that Sir Original Foster has done very unhandsomely by all archers in and about the City; for after his Majesty's restoration, they had a great desire to have the former commission concerning archery and shooting renewed, and a collection of money was made, and also fair progress with the Attorney-General by Mr. Arnold and Mr. Dunn; but at length the Attorney-General told them there was a caveat entered to stop it by Sir Original Foster. He owned to it, and informed them that except by his means, they shonld never obtain it. Arnold and Dunn summoned a meeting of the archers, when it was agreed to hand Sir Original Foster the 24*l.* collected, and instruct him to prosecute and manage their affairs. This he zealously promised, and as he was known to be a worthy person, and a great lover of archery, they did not require his signature, but thought it sufficient to take his word and promise to return the money, if he did not obtain the commission, which he has not done. Mr. Dunn will attend you and Sir Gilbert Talbot on Monday, to give a fair account of the proceedings. [*Ibid. No.* 44.]

Oct. 22. The *Greenwich* Frigate, Chatham River. Capt. Rich. Beach to Williamson. I wrote informing you that I had brought a colt, as a present from Major Fairborne at Landguard; I took great care of him, and on arriving at Portsmouth left him at the Antelope inn. I find you have heard nothing about it. I hope that you will not blame me for the negligent Postmaster not delivering my letter, and that you will send for the colt; it wants bleeding and attending to. [*Ibid. No.* 45.]

Oct. 22? Thos. Ross to Williamson. I am commanded by the King to come for a warrant for the apprehension of Wilson, author of "Nehushtan." If Wilson is the man, pray give the warrant to Dawson, the messenger, as he knows him, and most of Calvert's relations. [*Ibid. No.* 46.]

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Oct. 22. Warrant to apprehend ——— Welsh, and bring him before the Lords referees concerning the Mint. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 86.]

Oct. 22. Warrant to John Dawson to apprehend ——— Wilson, supposed to be the author of a factious and scandalous book called "Nehushtan." Minute. [*Ibid.*]

[Oct. 23.] Presentation of Rich. Annis to the rectory of Lawshall, co. Suffolk, void by death of Edw. Brewster. [*Parchment, Latin. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 248, *No.* 47.]

Oct. 23. Minute of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 19, *p.* 88.]

Oct. Docquet of the above, dated 31 Oct. [*Docquet, Vol.* 23, *No.* 271.]

Oct. 23. Approbation of Ralph Cole, as a deputy-lieutenant for the co. Palatine of Durham. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 20, *p.* 194.]

Oct. 23. Whitehall. Petition of Dr. Hamnet Ward, chaplain of Walter, Bishop of Oxford, to the King, for a dispensation to hold with his rectory of Porlock, Somerset, the vicarage of Sturminster Newton, Dorset, to which he has been presented, they being above 30 miles distant, and both being a little above 200*l.* a year. Was forced for his loyalty to spend much of his time abroad during the Usurpation, and his brother died under sequestration for his loyalty, leaving 6 poor orphans, who have ever since received their sustenance from the petitioner. With reference thereon to the Bishop of Hereford, dean of the King's chapel, and his report in favour of the petition. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 248, *Nos.* 48, 49.] *Annexing,*

> *Certificate by Walter, Bishop of Oxford, that he knows Dr. Hamnet Ward to be a person of eminent parts and learning, and believes the contents of his petition to be true.* [*Ibid. No.* 49I.]

Oct. 23. Entry of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 18, *p.* 334.]

Oct. 23 ? Petition of Andrew Walton to the King, for a grant of the rectory of East Mersey, Essex. Was chaplain with Sir Rob. Holmes in several ships during the war with the Dutch, then had a grant of the said rectory, through mediation of the Bishop of London, but was disappointed of it by another person, who is now dead. With note in his favour by Henry, Bishop of Hereford. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 248, *No.* 50.] *Annexing,*

> *Certificate by Humphrey, Bishop of London, that Andrew Walton, clerk, served as Chaplain in the* Henry, *under Sir Rob. Holmes, by whom he has been well recommended; and that having received other good testimony in his behalf, he conceives him worthy of favour.* [*Ibid. No.* 50I.]

Oct. 23. Whitehall. Order of Council on petition of Sir P. Musgrave, Bart., Governor of Carlisle garrison, complaining of John Aglionby, alderman of Carlisle, for affronting the guards and officers in their prosecuting of his design to make a division between the city and garrison, fomenting false rumours in the heads of the citizens, &c. Aglionby was summoned before the Board, and—after many expressions of esteem from the King of Sir P. Musgrave's fidelity and good services to his late and present Majesty, especially in his prudent governing of Carlisle, and of displeasure against Aglionby for affronting the Governor, and procuring a writing from the city endangering its quiet, and containing false aspersions of the Governor—the Board declared the garrison officers innocent of the accusation. Aglionby was ordered to acknowledge his misdemeanour to Sir Philip and the officers' satisfaction, publicly in presence of the mayor and aldermen, within a month, and the letter, obtained surreptitiously by him from the city, was ordered to be rescinded from the acts of the corporation. [*Copy.* 1½ *pages.* *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 248, *No.* 51.]

Oct. 23.
Barnstaple

Will. Wakeman to Williamson. A vessel of Bristol, laden with hides and tallow from Ireland, ran ashore on Braunton Sands and perished, but the men were saved. [*Ibid. No.* 52.]

Oct. 23.
Plymouth.

John Clarke to Williamson. Craves excuse for his long silence; has been at Exeter 6 weeks, under a course of physic, but has returned in a competent measure of health. [*Ibid. No.* 53.]

Oct. 23.
Milford.

John Powell to Williamson. The *Providence* has arrived from Genoa, with lemons and marble, and is bound for Amsterdam; she reports that the Dutch merchant ships are very insolent to the English in the Straits, by commanding them aboard, which if they refuse, they board their ships, and take away great quantities of their goods. Also that Sir Thos. Allin was at Malaga with his fleet 5 weeks since. [*Ibid. No.* 54.]

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John Powell to Hickes. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 55.]

Oct. 23.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. I went to see your barb, but found Sir Philip [Honeywood's] groom had fetched it away. I will arrange about sending it to you. The *Dartmouth* is ready to sail, and the *Milford*, which was ordered for the winter guard, is again laid aside. [*Ibid. No.* 56.]

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Deal.

Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. The *Crown* has arrived from Ireland; the *Norwich* came out with her, but has not yet arrived; the seamen fear for her safety. [*Ibid. No.* 57.]

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Ro. Blackborne to Williamson. I send a paper for Sir Wm. Thomson, by direction of Sir John Trevor. [*Ibid. No.* 58.]

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Wm. Sclater to Williamson. I am informed by Sir Wm. Bowles that the same obstruction which some malevolent persons—who, having gained their own ends unjustly, shut the doors to their fellows—had obtained in Oxford, should be the rule at Cambridge, and they have promise of a patent. Please to remember, before it passes, one who has done the Church and his Majesty as good service as those who would bolt the door against us; his Majesty promised me in particular that none of us should suffer for our modesty, which is all that is laid to our charge, that we did not apply early enough, nor take the opportunity afforded by the King's coming in. [*Ibid. No.* 59. *See Calendar*, 1667–8, *p.* 609.]

Oct. 23.
Yarmouth.

Rich. Bower to Williamson. The wind has continued so high that the fishery are prevented from driving, and fish is double the price it was. A considerable fleet of colliers have passed. I send a letter for his Lordship [Arlington] and beg you will let me know if

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there is anything that he scruples at, as I shall give him full satisfaction therein. Capt. Clifton understands the whole business; I shall solicit him to wait on you. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 248, *No.* 60.] *Encloses,*

> *Rich. Bower to Lord* [*Arlington*]. *I was prosecuted for an embezzled cable, seized on information of John Barker, and was convicted at Thetford Assizes, because Barker was absent at sea; on his return, I obtained a rule for a new trial, but my opponents try to postpone it till Barker is gone to sea again. Long details of the case. I beg indemnity.*—23 *Oct., Yarmouth.* [1½ *pages, damaged. Ibid. No.* 60I.]

Oct. 23. Information of Sam. Mearne, King's bookbinder, before Lord Arlington. Thomas Leach, printer, confessed to him and others that Mr. Wilson acknowledged being the author of a book called "Nehushtan," and corrected the book, sheet by sheet, at the press. [*Ibid. No.* 61.]

Oct. 24. The *Edgar*, Kingroad. Capt. John Wettwang to the Navy Commissioners. Is victualled and has 250 men on board, but has had much trouble to get and keep them. Mr. Baylie has done all his work but a few things; if a fair wind comes, shall stay for nothing; but the weather has long been very bad. [*Ibid. No.* 62.]

Oct. 24. Bristol. Fras. Baylie to the Navy Commissioners. I desire you to pay the 100*l.* bill to Rob. Foley, who is threatening me and makes me live in slavish fear. The *Edgar* is completed except some small matters; I have a fancy to keep the carver and painter at work, that she may be put forth as well as any other ship. Pray consider my low condition; I am utterly undone if any course of law is taken against me. [*Ibid. No.* 63.] *Encloses,*

> *Rob. Foley to Fras. Baylie. I was yesterday with Squire Pepys, who admired your charging him with a bill of* 100*l., when he thinks you are rather in the King's debt.* I *pray delay me no longer, but pay John Baker the* 100*l., and send an answer by the next post, as he must use some of the money to pay workmen.—London,* 20 *Oct.* 1668. [*Ibid. No.* 63I.]

Oct. 24. Chatham. Sir John Mennes and John Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. We brought down 15,000*l.* and have received 3,000*l.* since from Mr. Foley, who can supply no more; have paid the *Bonadventure,* which took nearly 6,000*l.*; the balance will pay the yard but one half-year, so we must expect a further supply for payment of the 3 ships coming up, *Greenwich, Mary Rose,* and *Antelope.* The daily expectation of money has induced us to forbear paying the yard as yet, and occasioned great jealousy and complaint, the necessitous condition of the men urging them to it; we have passed our words to see them satisfied their half-year's pay before departing. We desire a speedy answer whether the money may come soon enough for the ships, that we may lose no time. [*Ibid. No.* 64.]

Oct. 24. Bristol. Sir John Knight to the Navy Commissioners. I have drawn a bill on you for 120*l.*, payable at sight to Charles Owen, of Glovers'

Hall, London, for fitting the *Edgar*. The former 200*l*., together with part of that now drawn, is already paid; an account of it shall be sent. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 248, *No.* 65.]

Oct. [24]. Proposals by Sir W. Penn about his proceedings as comptroller of victuals:—That the victualler's demands on his old contract be speedily brought in; that he certify the charge of each purser; that the pursers' accounts do not remain longer with him than the limited time; that he duly set off the credit part, so that the balance may appear, after deduction for cask, hoops, &c. [*Ibid. No.* 66.]

Oct. 24. Lyme. John Sprake to Hickes. I send news in Mr. Thorold's absence. A vessel from Croisic reports that all the carpenters are taken up to build ships for the [French] King's service. A Lyme ship from Malaga, laden with wine and fruit, reports that he met an English fleet of 50 sail at Gibraltar, all laden with fish from Newfoundland, bound up the Straits; also that there were many Sally men-of-war abroad, but that Sir Thos. Allin, with his squadron, was cruising about, to wait their return. [*Ibid. No.* 67.]

Oct. 24. Coventry. Ralph Hope to Williamson. The spire being completed, the weathercock was set up, which is 80 yards from the ground. The steeple is a stately structure, and will yield to but few in England. There has been another election for sheriffs, and Edw. Rogers has been chosen in the room of Burne who was fined. Rogers was prevailed on to stand, though at first he claimed exemption, because he is sworn in to the place of Sewer in ordinary to the Great Chamber, which includes exemption from office. The other sheriff, Lapworth, has been proclaimed sheriff throughout the city, and summoned to appear; if he does not, the city intends to appeal for redress to the Council Board, as he has caused much disturbance.

One Johnson, a Chester carrier, who was robbed twelve months since between Coventry and Lichfield to a considerable value, has been robbed again upon Bentley Heath by 7 or 8 men, who cut all his packs, and carried away gold, plate, and other commodities to the value of near 1,000*l*. [*Ibid. No.* 68.]

Oct. 24. Amsterdam. Extract from a news-letter. The 3 galliots that went by Nova Zembla to find out the [North-west] passage to the Indies have returned, without effecting anything. They would have tarried longer and endeavoured further, but wanted victuals. They did not lose their voyage, having taken 5 whales, 3 Icelanders, and 2 North Capers, besides all their 500 teeth. [*Ibid. No.* 69.]

Oct. 25. Lord Montague to Williamson. I have failed to meet you at Lord Arlington's or the Court. Pray do all the favour you can for Col. Holtby, in the business of the lottery, he being a person well known to have done the King eminent service in the war, and being very indigent. [*Ibid. No.* 70.]

Oct. 25. Deal. Rich. Watts to Williamson. The *Norwich* has arrived safely in the Downs; 100 sail of outward-bound merchant ships are there. [*Ibid. No.* 71.]

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Oct. 25. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. I have no news; the *Dartmouth* is ready to sail the first fair wind. I saw your colt in Sir Philip Honeywood's stable, and will send him up when fit to travel. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 248, *No.* 72.]

Oct. 25. Portsmouth. Capt. Ant. Deane to Williamson. I want to know whether you received the things sent, and whether my answers to the queries gave satisfaction; I wish Lord [Arlington] to be informed of anything which I observed there. I am more anxious by reason of the great abuse in the opening of letters which come to me, which, as the case stands, may ruin my friend abroad and have his throat cut in a short time.

Our messenger brought several letters last night, and amongst the rest one from Master Castell, giving an account of what he had seen; and although he wrought as cunningly as he could, and had not set his hand as ordered, yet the whole matter was plain. He enclosed the draft of a gun lately experimented upon in that country, which, by the shape of its cylinder, would shoot a pellet double the usual weight, with half the powder. This letter was brought open, and the seals torn off, and the messenger affirms it came in that state to him. I pay 10*d.* for your letter, and should not be so served. See to it and send this letter to Castell; I question not but on his return, he will answer the ends he went for, and do you service. [2¼ *pages. Ibid. No.* 73.]

Oct. 26. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Hickes. The merchantmen bound for France have put to sea again; those bound for the Straits wait a more northerly wind. [*Ibid. No.* 74.]

Oct. 26. Memorandum by Walter Feneis that he left Nieuport 11 a.m., 24 Oct., and landed at Deal 26 Oct., 10½ p.m. [*Ibid. No.* 75.]

[Oct. 26.] Petition of Sir Wm. Darcy to the King, for immediate order for payment of 300*l.* a year, on the trust of the late Lord Chancellor, on pretence thereby to promote his Majesty's advantage in settling the alum farm; his Majesty has already ordered the Treasury Commissioners to satisfy petitioner, but they delay to do so. Signed. [*Ibid. No.* 76.]

Oct. 26. Reference of the above petition to the Treasury Commissioners. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 18, *p.* 335.]

Oct. 26. Docquet of an indenture whereby Sir John Wolstenholme and other farmers of customs, who have a lease of the customs for 4 years from Michaelmas last, on rent of 350,000*l.* for 3 years, and 370,000*l.* for the fourth, covenant to raise the rent to 400,000*l.* yearly, paying 16,666*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* twice a month, but deducting 800*l.* a month, till they be reimbursed their 200,000*l.* advanced, with interest and charges. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 88.]

Docquet of the above, dated November. [*Docquet, Vol.* 23, *Nos.* 283, 284.]

Oct. 26. Order in the Committee for Trade and Plantations—on petition of the Eastland merchants for renewal of the proclamation of 7 March 1630, for which a warrant was issued, 29 Aug. 1661—directing the Attorney-General to inquire what have been the impediments to the setting forth of this proclamation, and to report thereon on Thursday, when the Governors of the Eastland Company are to attend their lordships. [*Draft. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 248, *No.* 77.]

Oct. 26. Bristol. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Commissioners. Fears the offal timber, &c., at Conpill Yard will not yield 100*l.*, as there is not a good plank in the yard, and the landlord will expect his rent and carriage ere the stuff be removed. An immediate sale would take off the charge of rent, and of 2 men to keep the yard. Conceives it better to sell the furniture of the smith's shop also. As to the timber in the forest formerly converted for his Majesty's use, can give no answer, because it is chiefly of larger size than is used in Bristol; but if 600 or 700 tons were brought there, believes it could not miss of a good market. [1¾ *pages. Ibid. No.* 78.]

Oct. 26. Chatham. Sir John Mennes and J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. Desire their advice as to paying the yard, or they will lose time, the ships not being come up yet. Are busied touching the examination of the business of the master attendants, and the complaints of the seamen working at the wrecks of the badness of their victuals, particularly the beef, some of which appears to be rotten and decayed. Have sent several times to the victualler to require its amendment, but in vain. [*Ibid. No.* 79.]

Oct. 26. John Pollen and Lieut. Peter Edwards to Pepys. The man that gave intelligence of the [embezzled] masts brought from Deptford has gone to Newcastle; will inform of his return. For their own parts, desire no profit nor gain, but that he will present their 2 small tickets enclosed to the Earl of Anglesey for his signature, for payment of them out of the weekly money, and shall be willing to serve in anything for the good of his Majesty. With note that the due reward was promised, if their discovery be made good, and the tickets returned them to expect payment on them in course. [*Ibid. No.* 80.]

Oct. 26. Sherwood. John Russell to the Navy Commissioners. John Robinson, master of the *James* hoy, has been laden with plank and timber lying at Stockwith. Mr. Shish has complained of the plank sent; it had lain some time in the wind and sun, and therefore did not look so well as when first cut, but was fitter for service. Has sent 430 loads into the stores, which has been approved to be good everywhere; 1,444 loads have also been taken in, and there remain on the shore 1,059 loads, which lie ready till they send for it. Has receipts for his expenditure in carriage, loading the hoys, &c. If the hoys will not come any more this winter, wishes to come up [to pass his accounts]. The *James* was 9 days loading, and cost him 12*s.* for labourers. [*Ibid. No.* 81.]

Oct. 27. Commissioners of England to those of Scotland. Request a reply to their concessions to the demands made on behalf of Scotland, the welfare of both nations greatly depending upon the present treaty. [*Draft.* 1¼ *pages. Ibid. No.* 82.]

Oct. 27. Dr. Thos. Willis to Williamson. John Greenriff of Wales was high sheriff for Glamorganshire 4 years ago, and is threatened to be returned sheriff of Monmouthshire, although he has not 100*l.* a year

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in this county, and not above 400*l.* in the other. If he is returned, get him off, if it be in your power; he will not be unthankful. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II* 248, *No.* 83.]

Oct. 27. Dr. [Leoline] Jenkins to Williamson. I send my opinion on the question as to how far treaties between princes should lose their force, where succeeding ones do not ratify them. 1. In private contracts, the last is always the binding one. 2. They are to be interpreted according to the strictness of the letter, to avoid cavils, and then those have only themselves to blame, who have omitted provisions to their own advantage. 3. They do not ratify former treaties by implication, only by express declaration, because they are to be looked upon as the prince's second thoughts; and the subject, to whom they are law, should not be under the uncertainty of two laws about the same thing. [*Ibid. No.* 84.]

Oct. 27. Milford. John Powell to Williamson. The *Swallow* frigate, laden with timber for Spain, has been driven in here; also a Scotch ship with herrings for Rochelle, and a Dublin vessel for the Canaries. [*Ibid. No.* 85.]

Oct. 27. Whitehall. Petition of Peter Ricaut to the King, for a grant by privy seal of such moneys as remain due to his Majesty upon the account of Sir Simon Every and Sir John Curson, Receivers-General of the Duchy of Lancaster, being received in the time of the late wars, and not paid to any of the usurped powers. His Majesty declared, on a former petition, that he would grant such sums as should remain due to him upon Sir Simon Every's account, but the petitioner finds that Sir John Curson was joined in the grant with Sir Simon, and executed the office of Receiver-General during the wars, after Sir Simon's death. With reference thereon to Sir Thos. Ingram, Chancellor of the Duchy. [*Ibid. No.* 86.]

Oct. 27. Entry of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 18, *p.* 336.]

Oct. 27. Newark. Wm. Browne, Mayor, and the 12 aldermen of Newark, to Lord Arlington. The town has been destitute of a vicar since Whitsuntide, and many indigent persons have been put to very great exigences to procure parsons to baptize their children, and bury their dead. We have tired our neighbours, and soon may not be able to get it done at all. We beg that we may not long rest under this great want, and that if no one be presented, you will assist us in offering one [Mr. Smith] to his Majesty, whose fidelity to his prince, charity to his neighbour, and zeal for religion, make him preferable to others. [12 *signatures. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 248, *No.* 87.] *Annexing,*

> *Reasons by Herbert, Bishop of Hereford, why Mr. Smith should not be suddenly presented to Newark:—1. I am informed that, though the Mayor and some others desire him, the greater part of the town desire Mr. Babbington. 2. Mr. Smith has another living, and I am not sure whether he intends to leave it and reside in Newark, which will be requisite in so populous*

a town. 3. I have received no testimonials of his sobriety, industry, right principles in religion, and loyalty. 4. I know nothing of his abilities in learning, and though he may preach plausibly to a popular auditory, yet it is requisite in such a town, that he be of learning sufficient to confute the sectaries there, and not by ignorance expose the Church to contempt.

Though his Majesty be pleased for the town to recommend a person for the cure, yet to admit any person into a corporate town, without an inspection into these things, may be a precedent of dangerous consequence. Endorsed with a note that the bishop, being satisfied by a letter from the Mayor and aldermen, gave leave for Mr. Smith's presentation to pass. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 248, *No.* 87I.]

Oct. 27. Whitehall. The King to the Archbishop of Canterbury. You are to grant a dispensation for Dr. Hamnet Ward to hold the rectory of Porlock, co. Somerset, with the vicarage of Sturminster Newton, co. Dorset, being above 30 miles distant. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 19, *p.* 86.]

Oct. 27. The King to the Treasury Commissioners. On 16 July last, we ordered Lord Belasyse to forbear executing a former order of 16 March, for reducing the band of pensioners; but now we wish no such reduction to be made till further orders. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 68, *and* 72, *p.* 165.]

Oct. 27. Warrant to John Wilson to seize Rich. Royston, bookseller, and bring him before Lord Arlington. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 68.]

Oct. 27. Warrant to John Wilson, messenger, to apprehend John Wright, bookseller. [*Ibid.*]

Oct. 27. Warrant to John Wilson to apprehend [John] Wickham, messenger. [*Ibid.*]

Oct. ? Petition of John Wickham, messenger of the chamber in ordinary, to Lord Arlington. I seized, along with Mr. Mearne and others of the Stationers' Company, a private printing press in Southwark, belonging to Mrs. Calvert, and several reams of an unlicensed book which were brought to the messengers' chamber in Whitehall. I refused Mearne's request to return them to Mrs. Calvert, but at length I allowed Mr. Royston, warden of the company, who had Sec. Morice's warrant for seizing all unlicensed books, to carry them to their hall, and received 50*l.* from him, as I thought for my trouble. I am sorry for my offence in delivering up the said papers, but did not sell them, as was asserted. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 248, *No.* 88.]

Oct. 27. Pass for 4 horses to France for M. Battailhé. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 86.]

Oct. 27. Portsmouth. Capt. John Tinker, master attendant, to Pepys. The *Dartmouth* is waiting at Spithead for a fair wind. There is great want of a furnace for stoving; the tarring furnace is leaky and too small. Thanks for kind expressions with reference to his bills. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 248, *No.* 89.]

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Harwich.

Capt. Silas Taylor to the Navy Commissioners. Particulars as to laying up the hulk, lighters, and muster boat, with a computation of the half-year's charge. Desires they will imprest 20*l.* for him, and pay it to Mr. Hayter. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 248, *No.* 90.]

Oct. 27.
Navy Office.

Navy Commissioners to Capt. Benj. Gosling, and two others, at Lee. Desire them to appraise the wreck of a fireship at Lee [given to Capt. Pine], according to her real value, and to certify the same in writing, so as to be able to take their oath to it. [*Ibid. No.* 91.]

Oct. 27.
Portsmouth.

Capt. Ant. Deane to the Navy Commissioners. The timber will not go down until the spring [tide], unless the King will pay for the bark, so that it is time enough to take care for the payment, if they resolve to have it on the terms proposed; whatever shifts are made for money, those bargains must not be let go, or they will be still more tied to Mr. Cole. Prays that the supply demanded may be sent, and also some deals, or the works of the new ship must stand still; has had to cut spruce deals, when the service required despatch. [*Ibid. No.* 92.]

Oct. 28.
Downs.

Capt. W. Poole, of the *Crown*, to the Navy Commissioners. Thanks them for ordering cables for his own ship and the *Norwich*, but none have arrived. Is ready to sail into Margate Road, but prevented by bad weather. [*Ibid. No.* 93.]

Oct. 28.
Victualling Office.

Sir Denis Gauden to the Navy Commissioners. In answer to yours of the 24th, there is nothing that I have more endeavoured than the bringing in of all my demands, and the having all my accounts settled, which is necessary in respect of the service, and of my own security; as fast as papers come to hand I shall despatch them, that I may be able to make my final demand. The delay of the pursers in sending in their accounts may be imputed to me, but I hope your Honours will consider what I suffer for want of them, being unable to know what casks, bags, and iron hoops have been delivered to, or returned from each ship. [*Ibid. No.* 94.]

Oct. 28.
Minehead.

John Maurice to Williamson. The *Fortune* from Barbadoes brought a packet directed to Sir Wm. Morice, which I sent to Sir John Trevor, supposing it to be in his province. The vessel had a quick passage, having completed it in five weeks and a few days. The *Sarah* of Weymouth came out with her, but was left at sea. [*Ibid. No.* 95.]

Oct. 28.
Yarmouth.

Rich. Bower to Williamson. Several vessels have sailed for the Straits with red herrings, and others will soon be ready. Mr. Crow, of Yarmouth, formerly an upholsterer of London, died here on Saturday last: had he lived, he would have been called to an account about the former King's hangings, as the bailiffs had received something in order thereto. He died worth 40,000*l.*, most of which he has left to Thos. Bransby of Yarmouth and Rob. Bransby in St. Bartholomew's Close, London, his brothers by the mother's side, having left neither wife nor child. I hope Capt. Clifton has been with you; I doubt not but you will answer my desires by moving Lord Arlington therein. [*Ibid. No.* 96.]

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Oct. 28. Bristol. James Baskerville to Williamson. The winds keep in the fleet outward bound. We have sickly times, and bad, wet weather. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 248, *No.* 97.]

Oct. 28. Whitehall. Petition of John Napier, rector of St. Peter's, Berkhamstead, Herts, and of 8 other inhabitants, to the King, for leave to recommend Edmund Nuboult, M.A., late student of Trinity College. Cambridge, as master of the Free School in the town, vacant through the resignation of the late incumbent; have suffered long for want of one With reference thereon to the Bishop of Hereford, and his report that, the petitioner having shown him ample certificates attesting his sobriety and industry, and finding him to be of parts sufficient for so mean a school, he conceives him a fit person for his Majesty's favour. [*Ibid. Nos.* 98, 99.]

Oct. 28. Entry of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 18, *p.* 336.]

Oct. 28. Reference to the Treasury Commissioners of the petition of Matt. Johnson, clerk of the patents, for the King's title to a parcel of land, value 10*l.* a year, in Wilbarston, co. Northampton, supposed to be escheated to his Majesty. [*Ibid. p.* 338.]

Oct. 28. Warrant for presentation of Dr. John Cole, D.D., to the rectory of Broadwater, co. Sussex, void by simony. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 19, *p.* 86.]

Oct. ? Sir Allan Apsley to Williamson. I request the return of a warrant, that I may send it back to Lady Castlemaine, according to her command when she gave it me; she never named a clamorous gentleman who now complains that the business is put into your hands. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 248, *No.* 100.]

Oct. 28. Whitehall. Warrant to Sir Gilbert Talbot, Master of the Jewel House, to deliver to Barbara, Countess of Castlemaine, 3,000 ounces of plate, of such fashion as she shall desire, to be for her own use, she having given in her indentures for re-delivery of the same. [*Ibid. No.* 101.]

Oct. 28. Entry of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 69.]

Oct. 28. Warrant for confirmation of a grant of 24 July last, to Fras. Rogers, of all arrears due to the Crown from Sir John Prettyman, of Loddington, co. Leicester, late Receiver of First Fruits, and Sir George Prettyman, being the sums of 4,000*l.*, 2,000*l*, and 16,000*l.*, for the last of which sums the lands of Loddington and Allaxton were seized into the King's hands, and the said manors are therefore granted to Rogers for recovery of the debt. [*Ibid. ff.* 69, 70.]

Oct. 28. Warrant for Josceline, Earl of Northumberland, to be Lord Lieutenant of Sussex. Minute. [*Ibid. f.* 86.]

Oct. 28. Warrant for the said Earl to be Lord Lieutenant of Northumberland and town of Newcastle. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

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Oct. Docquet of the two preceding entries, dated 30 Oct. [*Docquet, Vol.* 23, *No.* 270.]

Oct. 29. Certificate by Thos. Death and 4 others, that they saw two English flags hanging on the foremast of the *Peace*, a Holland man-of-war, commanded by Capt. Gio. Van Brackell, on the 11th of Oct. 1668. Leghorn, 24 Oct. 1668. Attested before the public notary of Leghorn, 29 Oct., and certified by Thos. Dethick and Charles Longland. Endorsed, "Insolencies committed by Capt. Brackell at Leghorn." [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 248, *No.* 102.]

Oct. 29. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. A vessel from Malaga reports that the major part of their vines they make out in fruit, so that wine is scarce and fruit plentiful, which they did by reason of the new impost on wines in England; also that they are laying a great tax on English commodities, to answer that of wine. There are 80 sail of merchant ships in the Downs outward bound. The *Crown* and three other King's ships have sailed for the river. [*Ibid. No.* 103.]

Oct. 29. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Has no news, as no ships are passing. [*Ibid. No.* 104.]

Oct. 29. Portsmouth. Sir P. Honeywood to Williamson. I suppose you have expected your colt, but he has the glanders and a canker in his nose; he is under the hands of the best farrier in these parts, who doubts not but to cure him; when he is in a condition to travel, I will send him. [*Ibid. No.* 105.]

Oct. 29. Dr. P. Mews to Williamson. I beg you to promote a request which will be made by Mr. Davies, on behalf of John Howe [almsman at Oxford], who has not been so kindly used as his service for the King deserves. I could give a large character of him, but will say no more than that he is worthy of the charity. [*Ibid. No.* 106.]

Oct. 29. Edinburgh. Rob. Mein to Williamson. The Scottish Commissioners for settling the staple at Dort have returned, and Alex. Sandilands, one of them, is dead. The Hollanders have offered to buy up all the Scotch coal and salt, and Rob. Mill, provost of Linlithgow, has gone over to settle the trade. The Commissioners for Trade between England and Scotland do not agree, and the taxes on both sides are so heavy that they are obliged to trade with other countries, rather than with each other. The imports from England exceed the exports to England by 50,000*l.* or 60,000*l.* a year. [*Ibid. No.* 107.]

Oct. 29. Navy Office. Sir Wm. Penn to the Navy Commissioners. Sends the names of 5 vessels and of their commanders, who received prize wine for delivery to the ships; but it does not appear how and to what ships they have disposed of it. Desires an order to the messenger to bring them before the Board. Requests that their bills may be stopped, if any of them have freight due, until they give satisfaction. [*Ibid. No.* 108.]

Oct. 29. Gravesend. F. Hosier to Sam. Pepys. Asks whether to muster the *Emsworth* sloop and *Lenox*, they lying at Holehaven, beyond the limits of his commission. [*Ibid. No.* 109.]

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Navy Office.
John Huntington, master of the *Adam and Eve*, to [the Navy Commissioners]. Particulars of his voyage from Deptford to Sherwood and back, to fetch timber from Stockwith, and thence to Hull, between 27 Aug. and 30 Oct. 1668. Desires order where to unload, his vessel lying at Deptford. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 248, *No.* 110.]

Oct. 29.
Victualling Office.
Sir Denis Gauden to the Navy Commissioners. Gave order for supplying fresh meat, or such as was lately salted, to the people employed in weighing the wrecks, and was informed that it was observed, but further inquiry shall be made. [*Ibid. No.* 111.]

Oct. 29.
Sir John Chicheley to Pepys. I am so confident that the ticket of Percival Browne, which I lost, will never come to hand to be demanded, that if you will order a writing to be drawn, that the King may not twice pay it, I will sign it, upon delivery of another ticket to Mr. Dickinson, to whom the ticket formerly belonged.

I hope my bill for the 6 months' pay will be drawn like that of Sir [Wm.] Jennings and the rest of the commanders in the Downs. Some will persuade me it is but to complete our commissions 6 months, but Mr. Wren told me it was for 6 months over and above, in consideration of our expenses. If it is not so, my voyage will be worse than I thought for, although with it I should be 100*l*. out of pocket. If it is as bad as some say, we must advise better for the future. [*Ibid. No.* 112.]

Oct. 30.
Woolwich.
Capt. Abra. Ansley and his 3 partners, to the Navy Commissioners. Have brought their ships into the docks, and desire orders for their reparation, and whether to discharge them or keep them in pay until repaired. Attempted to weigh the pink, but find her so far sunk that she breaks in pieces; judge it necessary to clear her of her lading and the mud and ballast, and then, as the charge of keeping 5 hired vessels named on the works is too great, to discharge them all, and to request the use of 2 others [of the King's ships] for perfecting the work; will also reduce the number of their men to ease the charge. [*Ibid. No.* 113.]

Oct. 30.
Account of the train of artillery in the new storehouse at the Artillery Ground, viz., 44 pieces of brass ordnance mounted on travelling carriages, and 9 brass mortars also mounted. [*Ibid. No.* 114.]

Oct. 30.
Warrant to pay to Thos. Sanders 10,000*l*., viz., 3,957*l*. 8*s*. 3*d*. for pay and clothes for several companies of horse, and the rest as he shall be directed by sign manual; with directions for vacating a privy seal for pay of the 10 companies late under command of Lord Wentworth. [*Docquet, Vol.* 23, *No.* 270.]

Oct. 30.
Warrant to pay to Thos. White from the hearth money 4,000*l*., with interest at 6 per cent., which sum is due to him by assignment, because the Poll Act, on which it was charged in part of 1,277,500*l*. due to Sir George Carteret for the Navy, was not sufficient to bear the same. [*Ibid.*]

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Oct. 30. Warrant to pay to Sir Rob. Vyner, the King's goldsmith, 41,560*l.* 4*s.* 5*d.* for divers chains, medals, and other gold work, delivered to the Jewel House, from 25 Aug. 1664 to 24 June 1668. [*Docquet, Vol.* 23, *No.* 270.]

Oct. 30. Treasury Chambers, Whitehall. Sir Geo. Downing to Williamson. The reason why you have no return of the money taken from some Zealand prisoners in Ireland is because the Treasury were forced to send to Ireland for it. As to Lord Dungannon's business, the Treasury Commissioners were not mentioned in the Order of Council, which is always done in matters they are to take notice of, so I return the order for amendment; I will then move in the business. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 248, *No.* 115.]

Oct. 30. Plymouth. John Clarke to Williamson. Has no news of any kind; no ships have arrived for ten days. [*Ibid. No.* 116.]

Oct. 30. John Clarke to Hickes. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 117.]

Oct. 31. Milford. John Powell to Williamson. About 30 sail of colliers, etc., are detained by the wind, some of them having been here nearly two months. [*Ibid. No.* 118.]

Oct. 31. John Powell to Hickes. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 119.]

Oct. 31. Bristol. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Commissioners. When their directions come about the sale of the goods in the yard and smiths' shops, shall diligently put them into execution. The timber in the forest must be in the same condition as it was at the time of its being taken up, although the intention as to its disposal is quite altered; as it was then presumed to be for the King's use, desires their commands as to its disposal. [*Ibid. No.* 120.]

Oct. 31. Victualling Office. Sir Denis Gauden to the Navy Commissioners. Sends certificates from Capt. Stout, late commander of the *Roe* ketch, for an allowance for defective provisions, &c. The peas were sent in March 30, 1667, and were pronounced defective in December, 3 months beyond the time of her victualling. Conceives he is not liable to make good leakage of beer, unless there had been an allowance from the King for ironbound casks. With note that the certificates were allowed at the Board, and delivered to Sir W. Penn's clerks. [*Ibid. No.* 121.]

Oct. 31. Woolwich. Edw. Byland, shipwright's assistant, to Pepys. The undertakers for weighing the wrecks having cleared some of their ships, the masters of them desire to have them fitted and made good at Woolwich. Requests orders concerning them, and as to cutting down the *Phœnix*, having cut down the *House de Swede*. Has sent to the brazier for funnels for the *Portsmouth* and *Pearl*, and sent him the moulds; he requires the Navy Commissioners' order. Much wants deals, broom, and treenails, as formerly demanded. [*Ibid. No.* 122.]

Oct. 31. Harwich. Capt. Silas Taylor to the Navy Commissioners. The hulk will prove greater trouble and labour than was at first conceived, but seeing their commands are positive, will not be backward. Finds

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she was taken in the former Holland wars, and was called the *Rosebush*, so she must be very old; cannot tell how long she has been sheathed. Finds that no one will buy her for a hulk, so she cannot be sold but to be broken up. Was constrained to make a bargain for the clay, for fear of losing his old crane. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 248, *No.* 123.]

Oct. 31. Rob. Mayors to [the Navy Commissioners]. Has treated with Mr. Kingsbury, and Mr. Buckley, timber merchant, for the 300 or 400 loads of timber lying at Weybridge, &c.; they desire some person to be sent to view it, and if found fit for building ships, they will attend to contract for the same. With note that Mr. Mayors was directed to view the timber. [*Ibid. No.* 124.]

Oct. 31. Tender of sundry parcels of masts, at from 14*s.* to 74*l.* per mast. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 125.]

Oct. 31. Notes [by Pepys] of Mr. Wood's late prices for masts, 10*s.* 4*d.* to 39*l.* 9*s.* 7*d.*, and also of bowsprits 11*l.* 16*s.* to 24*l.*, in comparison with the higher prices now demanded. [*Ibid. No.* 126.]

Oct. Memoranda from the Signet books of grants, &c., passed during the month, all calendared above, except a note that the waiters' places in the port of London are given by patent, during pleasure, with a proviso that the salary shall close during the time that the customs are let to farm. [*Ibid. No.* 127.]

Oct. Warrant to pay to Sir Denis Gauden 30,000*l.* from the fire-hearths, the Poll Act, on which it was assigned, not being likely to satisfy the same; with interest at 6 per cent. from the time of the assignment. [*Docquet, Vol.* 23, *No.* 272.]

Oct. Grant to Sir Phil. Howard and Fras. Watson, for 14 years, of the sole use of their new invention of graving and colouring ships, which will be cheaper and more durable than the ordinary way of graving and sheathing. [*Ibid. No.* 273. *See Calendar,* 1667–8, *p.* 523.]

Oct. Grant to Prince Rupert, on surrender of Viscount Mordaunt, of the office of Constable of Windsor Castle, the keepership of the Parks, &c. [*Ibid. No.* 274.]

Oct. Revocation of letters patent formerly granted to John, Viscount Mordaunt, of the office of Governor of Windsor Castle, and grant of the same to Prince Rupert. [*Ibid. See Calendar,* 1667–8, *p.* 608.]

Oct. Warrant to pay to Sir John Trevor 8,000*l.* in yearly payments of 2,000*l.*, beginning from Michaelmas last. [*Ibid.*]

Oct. Grant to Rich. Brett, on surrender of Sir Thos. Clifford, Master of the Household, of a fifth part of the customs on logwood, leased to John Pinchcombe for 500*l.* a year, Brett paying therefor 100*l.* a year in part of the said rent of 500*l.*, the said Brett having surrendered a former pension of 250*l.* a year on the said customs. [*Ibid. No.* 275.]

Oct. Grant to Thos. Preston during pleasure of a waiter's place in the port of London, the salary to cease during the time that the customs are let to farm. [*Ibid.*]

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Oct. Grant to John Harper, on surrender of Miles Lavington, jun., of a waiter's place in the port of Bristol. [*Docquet, Vol.* 23, *No.* 275.]

Oct. Queen Street. Sir John Chicheley to Pepys. I find a great mistake in the paper I gave you, it being only for the time I served on board, and not according to the date of the commission, which I have always been paid ever since I knew the service; I hope the Board will be no worse to me than formerly. My commission was dated the 13th, but I was not entered till the 28th, which is half a month's pay difference. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 248, *No.* 128.]

Oct. Portsmouth. Account, by Edw. Silvester, of anchors to be repaired; estimated cost, 105*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.*, but he is content to perform the work for 96*l.* With note that there is made of the chain 100 fathoms and upwards, amounting to 14 or 15 tons. [*Ibid. No.* 129.]

Oct. ? Note that the paper concerning the collection for Mr. King was tendered as a brief by one Emson, to the minister of Saffron Walden, Essex, to be read in the church there 11 Oct. 1668, but the Bishop of Oxford, doubting its authority, showed it to Lord Arlington. Endorsed, "Concerning the false brief." [*Ibid. No.* 130.] *Annexing,*

> *Brief from the King authorising Richard King, late of Welborn, co. Lincoln—on testimonial from the Duke of Newcastle, and others, of his great losses and sufferings, amounting to* 3,000*l., by reason of which he and his wife and children are like to perish without some charitable relief—to gather the benevolence of well-disposed persons for* 18 *months in all counties, cities, &c., of England and Wales, the Churchwardens, collectors for the poor, &c., going from seat to seat to collect the benevolence, endorsing the amount subscribed in words upon a copy of this document, and to pay the same to Richard King, or whomsoever he shall appoint. — Whitehall, May* 20, 1668. [*Printed. Ibid. No.* 130I.]

Oct. ? Petition of Rich. King, prisoner in the King's Bench, to Lord Arlington, not to hinder him from the benefit of the King's pardon; is innocent of the crime of forgery for which he is condemned to a fine and corporal punishment, which his Majesty will pardon if his lordship except not against it. Was a captain of horse, and 4 of his brothers served the late King in the wars, though the eldest, Col. King, was against him. [*Ibid. No.* 131.]

Oct. ? [Lord Arlington] to the King. I had signed with Sec. Morice the allowances to be made to the Postmaster-General, for certain services which are allowed by the Treasury Commissioners, in presence of the executors of the late Countess of Chesterfield; but they notice an important omission in the certificates not being addressed to the King. I have not supplied it, as Sec. Morice cannot now sign, but I think it may easily be passed over. [*Ibid. No.* 132.]

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Lists sent by Mor. Lodge of Deal to Williamson of ships in the Downs, the state of the wind, arrival and despatch of mails, &c., during the month, as follows:

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				Arrival.	Departure.		
133	Oct. 1	4	8	3 p.m.	5 p.m.	S.W.	
134	„ 2	5	4	—	6 p.m.	S.W.	
135	„ 3	4	18	None	6 p.m.	S.W.	
136	„ 4	3	21	None	7 p.m.	S.W.	6 or 7 small vessels have gone through, which could not be boarded.
137	„ 5	3	21	—	6 p.m.	S.W.	
138	„ 6	3	21	None	6 p.m.	S.W.	
139	„ 7	2	22	—	6 p.m.	S.	
140	„ 8	2	21	None	5 p.m.	S.W.	
141	„ 9	2	25	None	5 p.m.	S.W.	
142	„ 12	2	29	—	5 p.m.	S.W.	
143	„ 13	2	34	None	5 p.m.	S.W.	
144	„ 14	2	38	None	5 p.m.	S.W.	It blows a storm.
145	„ 15	2	39	None	5 p.m.	S.W.	
146	„ 16	2	37	None	5 p.m.	S.W.	
147	„ 17	2	41	None	6 p.m.	N.W.	
148	„ 18	4	43	None	5 p.m.	S.W.	The *Mary Rose* has sailed away.
149	„ 19	2	48	None	6 p.m.	N.W.	
150	„ 20	2	48	None	6 p.m.	S.	
151	„ 21	2	45	None	6 p.m.	S.W.	
152	„ 22	1	52	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	S.W.	
153	„ 23	2	56	None	5 p.m.	S.W.	
154	„ 24	3	58	None	6 p.m.	S.W.	Sir W. Jennings has arrived in the *Sapphire* from westward.
155	„ 25	4	60	None	6 p.m.	S.W.	The *Norwich* arrived this afternoon.
156	„ 26	5	69	None	6 p.m.	N.W.	
157	„ 28	5	77	None	6 p.m.	S.W.	
158	„ 30	3	76	None	6 p.m.	W.S.W.	
159	„ 31	3	—	None	5 p.m.	N.W.	Some merchant ships are under sail, others preparing, if the wind do not hinder them.

Nov. 1.
Letter Office.

James Hickes to Williamson. I fear to be unable to come, having a cold, but we hope that you will the next meeting will come to this end, and that you will stand for us, about renewing our commission. Sir Reynold Foster promised me and other Archers to present our petition and the commission to your hands. If this is done in a week, I will give you a new petition and copy of the commission. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 248, *No.* 160.]

Nov. 1.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Dartmouth* sailed 2 or 3 days ago for the Canaries; has no other news. [*Ibid. No.* 161.]

Nov. 1.
Knutsford.

J. Aldcroft to Rob. Francis. Desires to be informed immediately who is elected sheriff of Cheshire. [*Ibid. No.* 162.]

Nov. 1.
Oxford.

M. de Breval to [Williamson]. I must apologise for not having used your permission to write before. I have seen, in your letter to Dr. Barlow, your kind mention of me; I thank you for your services to a stranger, and still more for your care for my establishment,

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without my having been recommended to you. I dine with Dr. Barlow to-morrow, and we will then drink the health of a man who makes us pour our washing water into silver basons and ewers. [*See* 3 Nov.] I hope some day, through your means, to be no longer a burden to anyone. I will not presume to dictate to you, but hear that you have influence with 3 persons by whom it could be done. I am assured by Dr. Jenkins that there will be no obstacle from the Court. The Vice-Chancellor says that, seeing how I have lived here for 2 years, nobody will oppose my advancement. I leave all to you and to Providence. [*French.* 3 *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 248, *No.* 163.]

Nov. 1. Portsmouth. John Tinker to Pepys. Begs him to send down the boatswain for the new ship, and some French canvas for her sails. [*Ibid. No.* 164.]

Nov. 1. M. Wren to Pepys. Wishes to see him alone at his chamber, at Whitehall, an hour or two to-morrow. Asks if he has ordered the *Success* to take more men to Tangiers. [*Ibid. No.* 165.]

Nov. 1. Portsmouth. Ant. Deane to the Navy Commissioners. Will let them know when he has made sure of the Tichfield timber. Is offered 50 or 60 loads of good timber at Fareham, fit for the great ship, at 32*s.* a load, ready money, with leave to pick it, which is a good bargain. Also 12 loads at Palesgrove; asks a speedy reply. Elm boards and timber are wanted, and 2 parcels are offered for ready money. [*Ibid. No.* 166.]

Nov. 1. Chatham. Sir John Mennes and Commissioner Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. The *Mary Rose, Greenwich,* and *Antelope* are detained at Oakham Ness by foul weather, but have sent up their ordnance and ammunition. The *Mary Rose* will be serviceable when cleaned and repaired. Have nearly paid the yard and ropeyard, and will have enough for the *Greenwich.* The *Antelope* will take 6,000*l.* Ask leave to send her men to bring up the 2 ships, and prevent growing charge. The third wreck is weighed, and lies dry. She seems to have been a man-of-war, but is only fit to break up. Will send the examinations about Mr. Pett and the master attendant. [*Ibid. No.* 167.]

Nov. 2. Chatham. The same to the Navy Commissioners. Wondering at the ships' not coming, went down to encourage the pilots to venture, and took the clerk of the cheque who mustered them. Spent the ebb in visiting Sheerness; then went on board the *Greenwich* and sailed, passing the wrecks at the Muscle bank, and brought the ships to Chatham, 6 p.m. Want the money to pay them off. [*Ibid. No.* 168.]

Nov. 2. Gravesend. F. Hosier, muster master, to Pepys. The *Crown* and *Norwich* have sailed by, and the *Sapphire* come up with 117 men. [*Ibid. No.* 169.]

Nov. 2. Advertisement of four oxen lost from Ashdown Forest, Sussex; 3*l.* reward offered for their discovery to Benj. Randall, near the Churchyard, Bethlehem. [*Ibid No.* 170.]

Nov. 2. Hull. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. The frequent storms and uncertain weather have somewhat put a stop to trade, and they begin to be fearful of the winter storms, as this port suffered very much in their shipping last year by their rash adventures. Several vessels have sailed for Holland with lead, butter, and cloth, one of which was driven aground in the Humber, and is forced to be unloaded, the cloth being much damaged. Departure of other vessels. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 248, *No.* 171.]

Nov. 2. Coventry. Ra. Hope to Rob. Francis. Mr. King will present you with a token from me, of which I beg your acceptance, and a continuance of your kindness. I send salutes to Mr. Eldrich [Aldridge] and his mother; send me by Friday's post the names of the sheriffs, or at least, who is pricked for Warwickshire. The mayor and the rest of the officers for the year ensuing were sworn yesterday, but the mayor failed to make that public feast which has been usual on that day, to the regret of many, who take it as a dishonour to the city. Mr. Lapworth, the new sheriff, still continues absent; Mr. King is employed by the city with their address to the Council Board for a remedy; for if he can so evade the service, others may follow his example. Mr. King intends to beg your assistance and direction, which I hope will not be wanting. [*Ibid. No.* 172.]

[Nov. 2.] Sir Nich. Armorer to Lord Arlington. I spoke to you for Walter Chetwind of Ingestree, that he may not be pricked sheriff for Staffordshire. His father, who is living and has most of the estate, has lately been sheriff for Warwickshire and was sheriff for Staffordshire, and to charge the son while the father is living has not been known in that country. [*Ibid. No.* 173.]

Nov. 2. Dover. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. I have made bold to trouble you with the accounts I am charged with by Messrs. Lloyd and Blayney. They were allowed by the Lords Commissioners 2 years since, and an order given to Lord Ashley for payment of my salary. I was then promised that as soon as Mr. Cooper, Treasurer for Prizes at Dover, paid in his money, I should be paid. I have been no storekeeper since, having delivered all the King's goods in my custody to Mr. Eady and Rob. Everard, by the Commissioners' orders; I send the receipts and Capt. Kingdon's letter, as also an affidavit sworn before the mayor that the Commissioners were satisfied, and that they stated my salary should be the first paid of any storekeeper in England. I cannot understand why Mr. Blayney should detain my money. I hope you will be the means of putting a period to the accounts. [*Ibid. No.* 174.]

Nov. 2. Jo. Cooke to Williamson. Sec. Trevor desires you will get information from your correspondent at Rochelle whether Sieur Isaac Rondeau, an advocate in the Parliament of Saintes, is in prison, or how disposed of. He was bred a Protestant, but for the love of a Roman Catholic gentlewoman, embraced her religion that he might have her, and after marriage returned to his former religion. I know how capital a crime this is in France; I give this touch of the man's history, so as to give some light to your correspondent. [*Ibid. No.* 175.]

Nov. 2. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. About 80 ships sailed this afternoon, the wind suddenly changing to north-east. [*Ibid. No.* 176.]

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Nov. 2. Pendennis. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. No vessels have come in here for 3 weeks; those that have been wind-bound for 2 months, and so often forced back, have just put to sea. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 248, *No.* 177.]

Nov. 2. [Col. Rich. ?] Talbot to Williamson. Pray give an order for entering a caveat in Sec. Trevor's office that no letter be granted from the King to the prejudice of Rob. Harpoll, a minor, without Col. Rich. Talbot being first heard in his behalf. A letter was surreptitiously obtained in Sec. Morice's time, which had like to have ruined the child in his fortune. His father and grandfather were both killed in the King's service. [*Ibid. No.* 178.]

Nov. 2. Weymouth. John Pocock to Hickes. A vessel from Portugal reports that the next day after she put to sea, she was chased by 4 Sally men-of-war for several hours, and would have been taken had not the winds favoured her; she escaped into Villa Nova, where a boat came out to pilot her over the bar, when the 4 men-of-war came close up, and there lay muzzled for some time, and then stood to sea. They took a small vessel of Topsham 4 days before, but the men escaped in their boats to Villa Nova, the people of which say they have of late taken and trepanned several English ships of good force. [*Ibid. No.* 179.]

Nov. 3. Earl of Manchester to Lord Arlington. I am so well satisfied of the merits of Mr. Merrydon, for the degree of Doctor of Divinity, that I desire you will move his Majesty for a mandate to the University of Cambridge in his behalf. [*Ibid. No.* 180.]

Nov. 3. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. There is no news. Sir P. Honeywood informs me of the death of your Barb colt. [*Ibid. No.* 181.]

Nov. 3. Queen's College, Oxford. Dr. Thos. Barlow to Williamson. I received your letter and the rich and excellent present you sent your aged mother, now 328 years old. The college is overjoyed to see your prosperity and gratitude. At the Sunday dinner, your bason and ewer were set upon the high table, when everyone commended the great munificence and charity of the giver, and the congruity of the gift. Though the matter was rich and massive, yet *materiam superabat opus*; the ingenuous and artificial plainness of the make was more. We filled the ewer full of good sack, which was at your kindness and cost too, and drank your health round the hall; all sat bare-headed while your health went quite round. The gift is the talk of the town, and a comfort and credit to your old college, which returns thanks and blessing.

Thanks for the Pope's bull, which is guilty of such a gross piece of false Latin as never could or did fall from an infallible pen. Mr. Clifford is so constant at his prayers and study as to be quoted as an example of civility and steadiness. Endorsed [by Williamson], "My poor duty to the college, for which God's providence be ever praised." [*Ibid. No.* 182.]

Nov. 3. Queen's College, Oxford. John Beebey to Williamson. To the same effect. Your present was weighed by Mr. Wilkins, the college goldsmith, and found to weigh 233 ounces; it was presented next day to the high table, and received with much commendation. The Provost, that he might show himself no changeling in his captious humours, after many encomiums of the giver and the gift, was altogether against the ewer's being filled with sack, and told Halton the night before that it was very incongruous they should drink and wash out of the same vessel, and that he would satisfy you concerning it. I told him it was the donor's will that it should go round the hall, and that a dozen bottles of sack were provided; so he bade me do what I liked, but that it was against his judgment; whereupon it went round, and then he seemed pleased, and the young men drunk in it bare [headed]. We could not prevail with the Tutor to dine with us, it being Sunday, and he engaged to his charge at Charleton. Mr. Clifford is now a perfect Senior, having gone round the fire in the Hall upon All Hallows' Eve. He is a civil, hopeful youth, and he and Colthorp are great companions.

At All Souls' the 13 candidates for 2 places are expecting their sentence; I fear Langbain will scarce be one. They talk very big against mandamuses; I wish there was no such thing imposed upon the University, yet I cannot see any reason why the King may not rather command that such a person should have a fellowship freely according to statute, than that any particular Fellow or head of a house should sell it for 200*l.* or 300*l.*, contrary to law and reason. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 248, *No.* 183.]

Nov. 3. Memorandum [by the Navy Commissioners] that the lease and bond between Mr. Pett and Mr. Bowyer were delivered by the Board to the latter 3 Nov. 1668. [*Ibid. No.* 184.]

Nov. 3. John Badcock, carpenter of the *Edgar*, to the Navy Commissioners. Has made Fras. Baylie a certificate, but by reason of a fair wind he has not had time to finish all his work on the *Edgar*; much glass is wanting, but he will allow as much money as will glaze her over again. Particulars of other things wanting. Has been upon the ship as surveyor from 7 Feb. 1667 to 8 Aug. 1668. With marginal notes of the cost of the things wanting, total 14*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* [*Ibid. No.* 185.]

Nov. 3.
Chatham.
John Moore and Edw. Moorcock to the Navy Commissioners. Last spring [tide], brought the third wreck out of the middle of the channel on to shore, where she now ebbs dry. The channel is now so well open about Gillingham that the 3 frigates which came up last night had the advantage to take the best of it where they lay. Intend to weigh the flyboat on which the *Helverstone* was sunk, which broke her down to her floor. She was a large vessel, and one of Sir Wm. Warren's. [*Ibid. No.* 186.]

Nov. 3.
Woolwich.
William Hannam, master attendant, to the Navy Commissioners. Capt. Poole with the *Crown* is at Purfleet; she draws 16ft. 4in. of water, and would have come up to Erith, but there was no room, from so many ships riding there. Has sent down lighters for her guns, and sent to the Ordnance officers to take out the ammunition. Is afraid all will be too little to lighten her 2ft. 4in., as the most water here is 14ft. at low water; also there are as many ships here as can ride with safety. [*Ibid. No.* 187.]

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Portsmouth.
Capt. John Tinker to Pepys. Sent for Tovey and gave him all encouragement; he is very willing to undertake what he promised [as a look-out], but desires a warrant to authorise him, and money, as he and his fellow ropemakers have little work and their trade spoiled. Has persuaded him to go and seize all that he knows of, saying that if he be diligent, their Honours will be kind to him. He will go to Hampton to-day; will give them an account how he acts. The boatswain of the new ship is not come down. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 248, *No.* 188.]

Nov. 4. Capt. Rob. Werden to Thos. Hayter. Asks for 80 blank tickets for the *Norwich* to be delivered to his purser. [*Ibid. No.* 189.]

Nov. 4.
Bristol.
Fras. Baylie to the Navy Commissioners. The *Edgar* sailed out of Kingroad with other ships, and out-sailed them all. [*Ibid. No.* 190.]

Nov. 4.
Chatham.
Sir John Mennes and Commissioner John Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. Shall examine the informant, and such others as shall be thought fit, on the charge by Martha Norwood, and give a full account on their return. Have paid off the *Greenwich,* and will begin the *Antelope* to-morrow; have given order for fitting the *Mary Rose,* but the seamen will be unwilling to proceed without some of their money; the country is cold, and they having been unpaid almost two years, are out of clothes and other necessaries; desire advice therein. Have 8,000*l.* remaining towards completing what is yet to be paid, and expect 1,500*l.* more from Maidstone. Will pay the poor widows and relations of workmen deceased, whose complaints are very grievous, and if anything remains, will discharge such as are of least use in the yard. The widows or relations of the deceased at Portsmouth were paid by his Royal Highness's express command, which is also expected here. [*Ibid. No.* 191.]

Nov. 4. The King to the Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge. We recommend John Merrydon, M.A., for his learning and piety, and Wm. Sclater, for his loyalty and sufferings, for the degree of DD., without their being obliged to any preparation or subsequent exercises. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 19, *p.* 87.]

Nov. 4. Warrant to the Ordnance Commissioners to have a general survey made of arms, stores, &c., in the Armoury, and an exact account sent in, as that office is henceforth to remain united to the Ordnance. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 87.]

[Nov. 4.] Draft of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 248, *No.* 192.]

[Nov 4.] Wm. Chiffinch to Lord [Arlington]. Pray strike out Mr. Clarke, and put in John Blackaby third in the list of sheriffs for Suffolk. [*Ibid. No.* 193.]

[Nov. 4.] List of nominations by the Council [Nov. 3] of 3 persons from each county in England, to be pricked for sheriffs, with additions by another hand, arranged in alphabetical order of counties. [18 *columns. Ibid. No.* 194.]

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Nov. 4. Similar list, marking the men chosen to serve; with those for the 12 counties of Wales in another hand. [4 *pages*. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 248, *No.* 195.]

Nov. 4. Letter Office. James Hickes to Rob. Francis. I observe that several *Gazettes* are sent weekly, with the written news, to Mr. Forster of Newcastle, over and above those I send him, to the prejudice of Mr. Middleton, clerk of that road. I have written to Forster, that it was an injury for him to have more *Gazettes* than I sent him, and he answers that he has left it to me; therefore I desire that no more may be sent, and if Forster has occasion for any, he is to send to Middleton; the officers of the Letter Office have no other perquisites, and no intrenchment ought to be made upon their rights and privileges. You will do well to answer this to-morrow night. [*Ibid. No.* 196.]

Nov. 4. Yarmouth. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Three vessels have arrived from Rotterdam with merchant goods, one belonging to Major Burton formerly of this town, now of Rotterdam; also a Yarmouth ship from Ostend, which reports the arrival of a vessel there with several hundred soldiers from Scotland. Three boys going out of Yarmouth harbour to catch whitings, the boat overset, and all were drowned. [*Ibid. No.* 197.]

Nov. 4. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Williamson. Twenty merchantmen have gone for France, and the same number for the Straits. [*Ibid. No.* 198.]

Nov. 5. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Has no news of any kind. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 1.]

Nov. 5. Col. Walter Slingsby to Williamson. I send you a copy of our patent, attested by Mr. Marsh, underlining the words upon which we ground our rule; having ample latitude in the patent; we only wish for a rule from respect to the King and Lord [Arlington]. Be pleased to make and keep an abstract, that it may be a little guide to the Lords in their resolution upon the rule. I have lost or mislaid the copy of our contract with you, and want another, with the new clause that you desire. Endorsed [by Williamson], "The lottery." [*Ibid. No.* 2.]

Nov. 5 ? Declaration by the King of his grant to Jos. Williamson of a fifth in all lotteries hereafter to be granted, except plate lotteries, in lieu of shares in other lotteries given up by him. [*Draft. Ibid. No.* 3.]

Nov. ? Note of a grant of a lottery, "Royal Oak," in which Lord Arlington has half, Sir Jas. Dillon a fourth, and Mr. Williamson and others the remaining fourth. [*Ibid. No.* 4.]

Nov. ? Proviso excepting from a warrant prohibiting lotteries that for loyal indigent officers, lately ordered to be set up for as long as they shall desire. [*Ibid. No.* 5.]

Nov. ? R. Gillingham to Williamson. In answer to your query, I have taken a learned opinion, but do not think the trustees for the lottery for indigent officers have power to dispose of any part of the profits, even with consent of the officers, without a new grant.

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The specious recitals of what the King declared about the "Royal Oak" will not bear them out against his plain prohibition of other lotteries for 6 years. I cannot say how far it stops the former grant of the "Royal Oak." With queries prefixed [by Williamson] about the powers of the trustees, and proposal for half the money to be retained by them, on giving a reasonable value to erect therewith a "Royal Oak" lottery, in which Sir A. [Des Marces] and [Lawrence] Dupuy shall be declared to have the sole right, but that, during these 6 years, they will content themselves with half the profits. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 6.]

Nov. ? The trustees for the lottery for indigent officers to Lord [Arlington]. We humbly desire that as the King has referred the difference between the party and us trustees, he will hear no suggestions, but leave them and us to the referees. [10 *signatures. Ibid. No.* 7.]

Nov. ? Long list of names of widows and daughters of those officers of the army who fell in the late King's service, [fit to have the benefit of the plate lottery]. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 8.]

Nov. ? Cary Heydon to Lord [Arlington]. Prince Rupert spoke to the King at Oxford for me for a copse of underwood, for the sake of my father, Sir John Heydon, Master of Ordnance to the late King, but it proved no benefit. The Prince has lately spoken to some of the Commissioners for indigent officers to give me a share in the lottery, for my father's great merit, and I find them willing. I beg your lordship to write to them on my behalf, for my father and my brother, Col. Neville's sake. [*Ibid. No.* 9.]

Nov. ? Cary Heydon to Williamson. I have no friend among the lottery trustees but Mr. Slingsby, employed on my behalf by the Prince. I entreat you and Lord Arlington to procure me a share in the lotteries. I have nothing but what I receive from the King to keep me from starving, which is below my station as daughter of Sir John Heydon, who performed so many eminent services for the King. [*Ibid. No.* 10.]

Nov. ? Cary Heydon to Williamson. I implore you, when the list of indigent officers comes in, to remember me for a share, the Prince having requested it from the Commissioners. [*Ibid. No.* 11.]

Nov. ? Cary Heydon to Lord Arlington. I entreat you, for the sake of my father and my brother, Col. Neville, to give orders to Mr. Williamson for my share in the lottery. [*Ibid. No.* 12.]

Nov. ? Petition of Honoria, widow of Capt. John Ball, to the King, for a recommendation to a share in the lottery on behalf of her husband, who served as captain of horse under the late King, and was imprisoned; he was again in his Majesty's service at Worcester. Has 4 children, and no provision for them. [*Ibid. No.* 13.]

Nov. ? Similar petition. [*Ibid. No.* 14.]

Nov. ? Request for Lord Arlington's assistance in her petition. [*Ibid. No.* 15.]

Nov. ? Petition of Anna, widow of Sir Thos. Sherley, to the King, for an order to place her in the list of indigent people who have a share

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in the plate lottery. Her husband spent blood and fortune in the late King's cause, and lost his right arm at the battle of Newbury. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 16.]

Nov. ? Margaret Holloway to Lord [Arlington]. I am the poor widow recommended by the Earl of Northampton, and by my uncle, Sir Edw. Savage, for admittance into the lottery. [*Ibid. No.* 17.]

Nov. ? Petition of Dame Elizabeth, widow of Sir Thos. Ryves, to the King, for a share in the plate lottery designed for suffering subjects. Her husband was Advocate-General of the late King, served him in the wars, and died broken-hearted. [*Ibid. No.* 18.]

Nov. ? Petition of Col. Mathew Wise and Capt. John Guillim to the King, for an equal share in the plate lottery for indigent officers, which is arbitrarily denied them by the Commissioners, though they have served equally with others. Have experienced many favours from his Majesty, and are sensible that he is not weary of assisting them. [*Ibid. No.* 19.]

Nov. ? Petition of the commission officers of the late King, now brethren in Sutton's Hospital, to Lord Arlington, to prevent their exclusion from the benefit of the plate lottery, on the ground of their being sufficiently provided for, since out of the 7*l.* a year allowed them, they have to pay 4*l.* for minor house expenses, and have only 3*l.* left for clothes and other necessaries. [*Ibid. No.* 20.]

Nov. ? List of 11 additional officers' widows to be received into the lottery (including Cary Heydon, Mrs. Ball, and Lady Sherley). [*Ibid. No.* 21.]

Nov. ? Similar list, slightly differing. [*Ibid. No.* 22.]

Nov. ? Cary Heydon to Lord Arlington. Thanks for your noble favour in seconding the recommendation of Prince Rupert, so that I am put into the list of ladies and gentlewomen to be benefited by the lottery. I request you, for the sake of my children and of my father's merits, to interpose in any difficulty that may arise. [*Ibid. No.* 23.]

Nov. 5 ? List received from Col. Grey of 11 distressed officers who have served the late and present King, and are now private soldiers in the regiment of Guards, under Col. John Russell, doing duty at Whitehall. [*Ibid. No.* 24.]

Nov. 5. Account by Thos. Lownes of tallies struck in the Exchequer upon the Excise, and alleged to be either burnt or lost in the fire of London, amounting to 52,161*l.* 15*s.* 2*d.* Sworn before C. Spelman, and attested by him. [*Ibid. No.* 25.]

Nov. 5. M. Wren to the Navy Commissioners. Desires them to supply with small stores the *Success*, appointed to carry victuals to Tangier. [*Ibid. No.* 26.]

Nov. 6.
Dublin.
Sir George Carteret to the Navy Commissioners. Ordered the *Harp* for Kinsale, but contrary winds prevented; was forced to keep his chamber with a colic, or had looked after the wind better. Can find nobody that will advance money to pay off the men, upon bills on Lord Anglesey, or any one else; the credit must

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come from England, which if they procure, Mr. Southwell of Kinsale will dispose of it according to directions. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 27.]

Nov. 6. Grant to Henry Bold, B.D., of the dignity of precentor of Exeter Cathedral, and of a canonry there, void and in the King's gift by promotion of Dr. John Wilkins to the bishopric of Chester. Minute. [*S.P. Dom, Entry Book* 19, *p.* 88.]

Nov. [6]. Docquet of the above. [*Docquet, Vol.* 23, *No.* 276.]

Nov. 6. Warrant for presentation of Hen. Smith to the vicarage of Newark-upon-Trent. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 87.]

Nov. [6]. Docquet of the above. [*Docquet, Vol.* 23, *No.* 277.]

Nov. 6. Grant of denization to Hamme Salings, native of Holland. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 87.]

Nov. 6. Grant of denization to Sipke Douwes, native of Holland. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. Docquet of the above two grants. [*Docquet, Vol.* 23, *No.* 279.]

Nov. 6. Accounts of the Earl of Sandwich's expenses and receipts as Ambassador Extraordinary to Spain and Portugal, 1666–1668; total receipts, 18,395*l.* 2*s.* 0*d.*; total expenses for ordinaries, 29,965*l.* 3*s.* 0*d.*; for extraordinaries, 7,574*l.* 18*s.* 3*d.* With note that they were examined by the Committee for Foreign Affairs, and allowed with certain reductions. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 100.]

Nov. 6. Plymouth. John Clarke to Williamson. A vessel from Malaga reports that Capt. Rooth, with his 2 frigates that lie before Sally, has taken one of their men-of-war, and forced 2 or 3 more of them ashore; 50 ships have arrived outward bound, 18 or 20 of them being from Ireland and Wales, and the rest from the eastward. One of them, the *Dartmouth* frigate, is to convoy some ships to Tangier, and then sail to the Canaries, to convoy home the Canary fleet. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 28.]

Nov. 6. John Clarke to Hickes. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 29.]

Nov. 7. Milford. John Powell to Williamson, The *Fortune* of Liverpool has arrived, with sugar and cotton from the Barbadoes, bound for Liverpool. [*Ibid. No.* 30.]

Nov. 7. John Powell to Hickes. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 31.]

Nov. 7. Weymouth. John Pocock to James Hickes. A French ship of Havre de Grace has arrived from the bank of Newfoundland, and reports that the bankers have had an excellent season of fishing, and taken much fish. [*Ibid. No.* 32.]

Nov. $\frac{7}{17}$. Paris. William, Lord Allington, to Lord [Arlington]. I declined writing, knowing you receive constant intelligence of what passes at this Court from better hands. I am waiting at Paris for the return of spring, and intend for England on the beginning of the sessions of Parliament. I have not heard that the Earl of Middleton has yet gone to Tangiers; if that affair be stopped, I wish I were settled there myself, or in anything else; you have full power to dispose of me

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as you think best. If you have any command, a letter sent to my mother's, in Drury Lane, will infallibly find me out. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 33.]

Nov. $\frac{7}{17}$. Paris. [Sam.] Puffendorf to [Williamson]. Pray tell me whether in Bacon's works there is not a treatise on the mode and inducements for the rest of Europe to make war on Spain. The late Cardinal Richelieu had it translated into French, and printed in 1635, but it can no longer be found. I have had put into the [French] *Gazette* what is devised here, but is pretended to be written from London. [*French. Ibid. No.* 34.]

Nov. 7. Whitehall. Petition of Elizabeth, wife of Thos. Wyndham, the King's servant, to the King, for a lease in reversion of lands, tenements, tithes, and prebends specified, in Middlesex, Berkshire, Dorsetshire, Durham, and Cheshire, for 31 years, and at the present rents. His Majesty, since his restoration, has recompensed all those who were anyways aiding or assisting in his preservation after the battle of Worcester, and as she daily attended on him when he lay concealed at Trent, she conceives she ought to be reckoned among the number.

With reference thereon to the Treasury Commissioners; their report, 19 Nov. 1668, that it has not been usual to grant leases over the heads of present tenants, and is contrary to the rules to grant lands for a longer period than 31 years in the whole, and that the better way of gratifyng such as have so well deserved has been by a pension out of the Exchequer, which pensions have been constantly paid; and further report of Lord Ashley, 14 May 1669 that the petition is disallowed, as being not agreeable to rule. [*Ibid. No.* 35.]

Nov. 7. Entry of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 18, *p.* 329.]

Nov. 7. Copy of the above petition, reference, and report. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 36.]

[Nov. 7.] Preamble of a proposed order granting the said petition. [*Ibid. No.* 36A.]

Nov. ?. Petition of Elizabeth, wife of Thos. Wyndham, to the King. Having attended his Majesty at Trent, after the battle of Worcester, he was pleased to give her a warrant for a lease in reversion of several small leases for 31 years, but its passing is obstructed as being a breach of rule; yet the same thing has been granted by his predecessors, and by his Majesty since his restoration; begs an order therefore for the lease to pass, notwithstanding any restriction or limitation. [*Ibid. No.* 37.]

Nov. 7. Whitehall. Petition of Fras. Moore, clerk, to the King, for a presentation to the vicarage of Bovey Tracey, Devon, James Forbes, who was presented by the late King, having voluntarily resigned. With reference thereon to the Bishop of Hereford, dean of the chapel, and his report on perusing the petition and some certificates in favour of the petition. [*See p.* 5 *supra. Ibid. Nos.* 38, 39.] *Annexing,*

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Certificate by Seth, Bishop of Salisbury, that Fras. Moore has been known to him ever since he was first created Bishop of Exeter, and that he has always esteemed him worthy of encouragement, for ability, sedulity in preaching, loyalty and conversation.—Westminster, Nov. 6, 1668. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 391.]

Nov. 7. Two entries of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 18, *pp.* 338 *and* 341.]

Nov. 7. Whitehall. The King to Arthur, Earl of Anglesey, late Treasurer of the Navy. You are to deliver up to Sir Thos. Osborne and Sir Thos. Littleton, appointed Commissioners for the Navy Treasurership, the house lately used for that office, excepting one room needful for keeping your papers and making up your accounts. [*Draft. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 40.]

Nov. 7. Entry of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 87.]

Nov. 7. Whitehall. The King to the Master, wardens, &c., of the Pewterers' Company of London. We approve your admission of James Taudin, a naturalized subject, into your society, and request that he be not molested as others have been, by the malicious exercise of by-laws, and thus have to seek relief from hard usage, he being our servant. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 72.]

Nov. 7. Whitehall. Pass for Anne Nevill, Mary Tuchet, Katherine Berry, Anne Berrington, Marg. Smith, Anne Chaworth, and their servants, to France. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 41.]

Nov. 7. Bristol. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Commissioners. Sends an account of goods put on board the *Edgar*, from those left in the yard at Conpill, and the stores of the *Harp*. With note of a copy taken of the above, 10 Nov., for Col. Middleton. [*Ibid. No.* 42.]

Nov. 7. The *Harp*, Dublin. Capt. Rob. Hooper to the Navy Commissioners. Could not sail for Kinsale because of the wind; though some dispraise the ship, questions not but she may go a longer voyage. Knows nothing of any former proceedings, nor can find out any person that was concerned therein. The purser was constrained to supply us with provisions, there being none of the victualler's agents here; knows him to be much in debt in that place, yet has prevailed with him for more victuals. Will not be backward to depart when the wind serves. [*Ibid. No.* 43.]

Nov. 7. M. Wren to the Navy Commissioners. Desires them to give directions for fitting the *Mary Rose*, the Earl of Carlisle having chosen her for carrying him to Gottenburg; so that in case the Earl's departure is pressed, he may not stay for the vessel that is to carry him. Will send the Duke's order for it on coming to St. James's. [*Ibid. No.* 44.]

Nov. 7. Portsmouth. Capt. Ant. Deane to the Navy Commissioners. Sends 2 contracts; one is for timber ready to be delivered, as soon as they order the 300*l.* which was laid aside for ready payment; if they will order Mr. Hayter or Mr. Ewers to receive it, remittance shall be found for it. Asks if the contracts are right, being unaccustomed to make them. The deals and wainscoat have arrived. [*Ibid. No.* 45.]

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Capt. John Tinker, master attendant, to Pepys. Sends a memorandum from Mr. Eastwood of the names of ships worked upon by his father: Tong has done nothing yet in looking after embezzled goods, nor durst without warrant. He says the only cause that moves him to undertake the business is, that his trade is spoiled by reason that the goods embezzled are sold at a cheaper rate than they can do, but knows not how to believe him. Another ropemaker, a man of credit, has promised to give private information, if his name be not discovered as an informer. Begs their acceptance of a small parcel of buckhorn; entreats payment of his bills. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 46.]

Nov. 8.
Hull.

Chas. Whittington to Williamson. Six vessels have arrived from Holland, one of which met with a great ship of Sir Philip Warwin's, laden from Riga, in a leaky condition, and ready to be forsaken by her men; but by timely assistance she was brought safe into Humber. A Swede come in from Stockholm reports that another, laden with merchant goods, put into Christiana, and coming out again, sank to the bottom. [*Ibid. No.* 47.]

Nov. 8.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. All things are quiet; the new ship will be ready to be launched in 14 days. [*Ibid. No.* 48.]

Nov. 8.
Deal.

Rich. Watts to Williamson. The *Success* and *Drake* are still here; the country remains "very whist," attending only to their wheat season, which the farmers confess to be as good as they can desire. [*Ibid. No.* 49.]

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Sec. Trevor to Williamson. Let me have the treaty of the Pyrenees between the two crowns; if there is anything distinct from the treaty itself, concerning the Renounce, I would be glad to see it. Endorsed [by Williamson], "3 books sent him." [*Ibid. No.* 50.]

Nov. 9.

Sir P. Musgrave to [Williamson]. I have returned no acknowledgment for your zeal for me in my late concernment at the Council Board. I am not like one that is deeply upon the score, and there fore unwilling to consider my debts; I think with great satisfaction of the honour of being esteemed worthy to be obliged by you, and can only promise that I will endeavour to give you no cause to repent of your great generosity. [*Ibid. No.* 51.]

Nov. 9.
Falmouth.

Thos. Holden to Hickes. Arrival of ships, viz: the *Good Hope* and 50 more from Wales with coals; also 20 or 30 merchantmen from Yarmouth, bound for France, and the 2 *Marys* from London, who are to take in pilchards for the Straits. [*Ibid. No.* 52.]

Nov. 9.
Whitehall.

Reference to the Commissioners for alterations in the Tower, of the petition of Rachel Brewster, for leave to enclose a piece of ground for a wharf near the Tower, where some tenements stood which were demolished by the King's order in the late fire. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 18, *p.* 339.]

Nov. 9.
Whitehall.

Report of Sir S. Fox, 12 Sept. 1668, [on the petition of Major Ben. Henshaw], that 113*l.* 4*s.* 0*d.* was paid to him, as Major to the Island of Jersey from 18 Oct. 1664 to 28 July 1665; and that from the latter date till his company was disbanded, 27 Sept. 1667, he

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received only the pay of a captain; also report of the Duke of Albemarle, 9 Oct. 1668, that if his Majesty thinks fit to allow him major's pay at 8*s.* a day, besides his captain's pay, there will be due to him 316*l.* With reference of the whole to the Treasury Commissioners, 9 Nov., to consider whether he may have the particulars proposed in his petition of 22 Aug. last, in consideration of the shortness of his pay. [1½ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 53.]

Nov. 9. Entry of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 18, *p.* 340.]

Nov. 10. Capt. Wm. Poole to Thos. Hayter. Asks for 80 blank tickets for the purser of the *Crown,* as the women tire him out of his life. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 54.]

Nov. 10. Harwich. Capt. Silas Taylor to the Navy Commissioners. Has gone on with the hulk as far as he is able without receiving the money imprested to him; the seamen he is forced to make use of will not trust; has expended 7*l.* or 8*l.* The hulk stands still at present, and the master boat will scarce come about without money to provide for them that sail her. [*Ibid. No.* 55.]

Nov. 10. Victualling Office. Sir Denis Gauden to the Navy Commissioners. They will find by his account that he delivered sea victuals for 58,470 men for one day at Tangier, which has not been yet rated. Desires they will determine it, that his accounts may be settled; hopes they will allow him the same price as given at Leghorn, and where else the service abroad has called for supply, considering the charge and hazard of transporting it from England. With note that he is to bring his demand of increase of price, and the grounds of it. [*Ibid. No.* 56.]

Nov. 10. The *Edgar,* Spithead. Capt. John Wettwang to the Navy Commissioners. We have had bad weather in the passage, and carrying sail to get about the Land's End, both the main and fore mast gave way in the spavings, being tongued with oak; he that made them deserves to be hanged, for if we had been on a lee shore, and forced to carry sail, all would have gone by the board; 3 of the chain plates have also broken. We were forced to get down the main topmast on deck, and so come here with it, otherwise it would have been gone. The ship is good, and sails and steers as well as any I have been in. I desire orders as to entering the men that came from Portsmouth; they were promised by Mr. Tippetts to be entered from the day they left, and the officers hope to be paid from the date of their warrants. [*Ibid. No.* 57.]

Nov. 10. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. The ships that put in outward bound have sailed; one ship bound to the Canaries sprang a leak and is refitting. [*Ibid. No.* 58.]

Nov. 10. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Edgar* from Bristol has arrived for repairs, having sprung her mainmast, and lost her main topmast. [*Ibid. No.* 59.]

Nov. 10. Note of the proceedings on the adjournments of the Houses of Parliament, 20 Dec. 1586, 15 Feb. 1587, 30 July 1661, 9 May 1668, 11 Aug. 1668, and 10 Nov. 1668. [1½ *pages, Latin. Ibid. No.* 60.]

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Nov. 11. Bristol. James Baskerville to Williamson. I hope the *Edgar* has arrived at Portsmouth, the winds promising fair. Part of the fleet that set sail some days after her has put back again. George Bishop, a captain in the late rebellion, the ringleader or archbishop of the Quakers, was buried at the Quakers' burying ground near Redcliffe Church, attended by a more numerous company than I ever saw at a funeral before, most of them of that sect. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 61.]

Nov. 11. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Hickes. The *Brothers' Adventure* has come from London for Virginia, the *Dartmouth* and 2 victuallers for Tangier, and the *Industry* of Falmouth from Alicant, laden with fruit; she was chased by 2 or 3 Turkish men-of-war. I beg for a land waiter's place void in this port. [*Ibid. No.* 62.]

Nov. 11. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect as the preceding, and his letter to Hickes of the 9th instant. [*Ibid. No.* 63.]

Nov. 11. Yarmouth. Rich. Bower to Williamson. There have 30 laden colliers passed southward, and 40 light ones northward. Two Yarmouth vessels set sail for Rotterdam, and others have arrived from there. Several ships are riding in the road, bound for the Straits and Nantes with red herrings, and two have come in from Bordeaux bound for Lynn and Boston. [*Ibid. No.* 64.]

Nov. 11. J. Evelyn [Commissioner for sick and wounded mariners] to Williamson. I have promised you 40 times to do Mr. Smith all the right in my power, but Smith is never satisfied unless he can be his own carver, which cannot be without injury to the other officer. Smith was employed by a surgeon at Margate, and was to receive his recompense from him, and not from the Commissioners, who could not constitute a new and independent officer, being bound up to certain numbers and places by their instructions. Smith, not being satisfied with what the surgeon allowed him, appealed to the Commissioners; as they could not satisfy him, they advised him to submit it to arbitration, which was consented to; on the determination being sent, the Commissioners gave his former antagonist two orders on the Exchequer, with an injunction to allow Smith to the full of his agreement. I cannot make out how he now comes to trouble you or clamour against me, who am only one of the Commissioners, after the great pains that have been taken, and the lapse of time that has occurred; the only thing I can do is to stop the orders in the Exchequer, until our surgeon at Dover has given him new satisfaction. This is really hard, after arbitration and a silence of many months about it till now; but as I said, this I will do: *si violandum in jus, violandum est amici causâ*, or if you please *imperii*; for *qui amicum habet, habet imperatorem*. [*Ibid. No.* 65.]

Nov. 11. The King to the President of the College [of Physicians]. We have chosen Tim. Clarke to succeed the late Dr. Quatremaine as second physician to the royal person, and give you notice thereof, that he may be received into the same place in the college as enjoyed by Dr. Quatremaine. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, *f.* 12.]

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Nov. 11. Warrant to the Treasury Commissioners to order the officers of works to open the ground, dig brick, earth, and sand in Richmond Park, and cut stake, furze, and fern to burn the bricks, erecting kilns, &c., that the lodges, walls, and bridges there may be sufficiently repaired. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 88.]

Nov. 11. Warrant to the Duke of Buckingham, Master of the Horse, to swear in Wm. Legg as page of honour, in place of Sidney Godolphin. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 11. Dublin. Sir George Carteret to the Navy Commissioners. Though my son James gave his hand to the purser of the *Oxford* for the whole sum, the purser only charged him with 142*l.*, and acknowledges by his account that all the rest was employed by himself in victualling the frigate at Gottenburg. Providing care be taken to discharge my son, I am ready, on the first notice, to pay the money either here or in London. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 66.]

Nov. 11. Certificate by Wm. Sheldon that John Bateman, of Woolwich, seaman, is fit to officiate in the absence of the purser of the *Centurion.* [*Ibid. No.* 67.]

Nov. 11. Harwich. Certificate by Commissioner John Taylor, that John Gregory, late clerk of the cheque at the yard at Harwich, had the same rooms in which Mr. Homewood executed the office, and that he had no other all the time he was in that service. [*Ibid. No.* 68.] *Annexing,*

> *Memorandum that John Gregory served as clerk of the cheque from* 15 *May* 1666, *to* 31 *March* 1668, *for which time he prays an allowance of* 8*l. a year for house rent, according to his Royal Highness's order, upon appointing the execution of the clerk of the cheque and the clerk of the survey's duties by two distinct persons, with the allowance of* 50*l. a year, and* 8*l. for house rent, to the former, and* 40*l., with* 8*l. house rent, to the latter; but Gregory lodged in his office in the yard, undergoing many inconveniences by the straitness of the office, to save the allowance of house rent, so as to make his salary better able to support him; he had no more office room than his predecessor, except one room ordered to be built, but not yet finished.* [*Ibid. No.* 68I.]

Nov. 11. M. Wren to the Navy Commissioners. I shall know certainly in a day or two the time when the Earl of Carlisle must go; if it happens that he must make haste, the paying of the *Mary Rose's* company would perhaps be a cause that he might stay for the ship; this his Royal Highness desires to prevent, and thinks the continuation of the growing charge must be submitted to, till there be a certainty of the Earl's voyage. The King having resolved to send a ship to fetch the Prince of Tuscany from Spain, his Royal Highness believes that Portsmouth will be the most convenient place for her to sail from, but does not think fit to send one bigger than a fourth-rate. Which of 3 named do you judge most proper for

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the voyage? I have notice that the *Edgar* has arrived safe at Spithead. There will be money requisite for paying her off there. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 69.]

Nov. 12. Portsmouth. Capt. John Tinker to Pepys. Particulars of prize goods left by Capt. Taply on board the *Adventure,* in hopes of obtaining a grant of them from the Duke of York, and during his absence, embezzled and sold by the boatswain. Wants candles and handspikes. Will be straitened for room if ordered to take in the *Edgar's* guns. The wharfs are old, and have a great weight already. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 70.] *Encloses,*

> *Certificate by Abra. French, and* 2 *others, to the officers at Portsmouth, of sails and cables taken out of the* Charity *of St. Malo for the use of the* Adventure, *by order of their captain, Nov.* 30, 1667. *With note that the boatswain confesses to selling the goods for* 27*l.* 10*s.* 0*d., and that the gunner should be examined about* 2 *guns that he is said to have sold.* [*Copy. Ibid. No.* 70I.]

Nov. 12. Portsmouth. Capt. Ant. Deane to the Navy Commissioners. Account of the new ship building, which has been hindered by rainy weather; cannot well launch these 3 weeks, as it would be a great charge and double the time to finish her afloat; but if they desire her launched, can do it next spring [tide]. Has used his utmost diligence. The *Milford,* which is to sail with her, need not be fitted until she is launched, as no boatswain appears, and not one rope is cut out for her rigging. The timber shall be let alone as desired; wants 10 or 12 large grindstones when the stores come down. [1½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 71.]

Nov. 12. Woolwich. Edw. Byland to Pepys. Asks for spruce deals to fit the *Pearl,* or must work oak; also for a supply of broom, reed, and hoods and funnels for the *Portsmouth.* The undertakers are desirous that the *Phœnix* should be cut down. A merchant ship came aboard the *Portsmouth's* head, and broke it; had the pilot before Col. Middleton, and the owners will stand to the charge, which will be about 40*s.* Wants the plumber to mend the pump, the yard being without water. [*Ibid. No.* 72.]

Nov. 12. Whitehall. Dispensation for Sir Wm. Glynne, Bart., High Sheriff of Oxfordshire, to reside in Bedfordshire, London, or Westminster, when his occasions require. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 73.]

Nov. 12. Cover of a letter addressed in Dutch to Capt. George Cock, Broad Street, London. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 73.]

Nov. 12. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. A great Ostend man-of-war ran against his Majesty's ship *Drake,* and broke her bowsprit. Eight Ostend Spanish men-of-war and 55 merchantmen are in the Downs, bound for Spain. [*Ibid. No.* 74.]

Nov. 12. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Edgar* has arrived at Spithead. All haste is making to fit out the new ship. [*Ibid. No.* 75.]

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Plymouth.

John Clarke to Hickes. Several outward-bound vessels have put in here; begs to be excused writing to Mr. Williamson, having no news. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 76.]

Nov. 13.
Minehead.

John Maurice to Williamson. There is an abundance of herrings taken 4 leagues off Minehead Harbour, and likely to be a very good fishing; many boats are already employed, and others fitting. [*Ibid. No.* 77.]

Nov. 13.
Petty France.

Viscount Scudamore to Williamson. I want the packet sent weekly to my house at Petty France; but if this is too much trouble, I will send for it. [*Ibid. No.* 78.]

Nov. 13.
Oxford.

Hilaire Decry to Rob. Francis. I had promised some of my scholars the Tuesday's *Gazette*, and fear they will think me in disgrace, and without a friend at Court, because it did not come. I hope there will be no room for such suspicions in future. Your cousin thinks you have forgotten him and your sister. I want my wig and books. [*French. Ibid. No.* 79.]

Nov. 13.
Whitehall.

Order in Council that all officers who served the late or present King during the late wars in England, or who have since served beyond seas, and were reduced 28 Sept. 1667, shall receive half the pay allowed them while in actual service; and that the Duke of Albemarle shall give orders for adding them to the establishment. Endorsed with a note that 4,610*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* is yearly added to this establishment, to be disposed of by the King's especial order, directed immediately to the paymaster. [*Ibid. No.* 80.]

Nov. 13.

Order in Council, referring to the Committee for Foreign Affairs the representation of the Council of Trade touching the Dutch ships that have liberty to trade to New York; also the narrative of the state and condition of the Colony of Surinam, together with a letter from Serjt.-Major Banister concerning his being sent prisoner from that colony to Zealand; also a memorial from the Resident of Sweden, with certain papers annexed, touching the unlading of Swedish ships lying in the river with pitch and tar [*Ibid. No.* 81.]

Nov. 13?

Ticket of invitation for Mr. Williamson to be present at the consecration of the Lord Bishop of Chester, at Ely House, Nov. 15. [*Printed form. Ibid. No.* 82.]

Nov. 13.

Commissions for Sir Rob. Hildyard to be captain of the company of foot in the garrison of Hull whereof Sir Fras. Cobb was captain, and for Edw. Legard to be his lieutenant and Rob. Hildyard his ensign. Minutes. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 20, *p.* 194.]

Nov. 13.

Dispensation for Henry Summer, High Sheriff of Cardiganshire, to remain in Buckinghamshire or elsewhere. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 73.]

Nov. 13.

Warrant for a grant to Mary, Countess of Falmouth, of all silver or gold plate belonging to the late King, detained by Eliz. French, and discovered by the said Countess, with power to sue for and recover the same. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 89.]

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Nov. 13. Grant to Wm. Legg of a pension of 120*l.* a year as page of honour. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 89.]

Nov. Docquet of the above dated November. [*Docquet, Vol.* 23, *No.* 278.]

Nov. 13. Victualling Office. Sir Denis Gauden to the Navy Commissioners. I am informed you can only allow 8*d.* a man per day for victuals delivered to ships at Tangier, without order from his Royal Highness, whom you would move therein. I intreat you to do so, and consider the difference between victualling at Tangier and in England. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 83.]

Nov. 14. Woolwich. Abra. Ansley and 2 partners to the Navy Commissioners. Want 4 of the largest granadoe shells, ready filled, for the first experiment on the pink, she being too weak to be weighed. Shells will not be of a body large enough for the *Phœnix*; will give an account of the experiment. [*Ibid. No.* 84.]

Nov. 14. The *Edgar*, Spithead. Capt. John Wettwang to the Navy Commissioners. Sends a book of the entries and musters of men, and waits orders. Hopes they will be mindful of pay for himself and lieutenant from the date of their commission, and for the master from the date of his warrant, as their charges have been great. Desires order about entering men that came from Portsmouth, for they "keep a sad quarter." [*Ibid. No.* 85.]

Nov. 14. Certificate by Rob. Mayors that balks of 19 feet by 5 to 6 inches are sold at 10*s.* 10*d.* apiece, and those 15 feet by 4 and 5 inches square at 16*d.* apiece. [*Ibid. No.* 86.]

Nov. 14. Whitehall. Certificate by Lord Chamberlain Manchester. In consequence of certain addresses made to the King by Mary May, for an order whereby she might take legal course against Sir Hen. de Vic, Chancellor of the Order of the Garter—for recovery of money which she pretends he was indebted to her, upon a bond made at Brussels and taken in the name of Wm. Gibson—I wished to know his Majesty's pleasure upon it, when he declared that the moneys were owing by himself; that it was not Sir Hen. de Vic's, but his Majesty's own proper debt, and that he was willing the deponent should make this known to Hugh May, who prosecuted the business, and all others concerned therein. [*Copy. Ibid. No.* 87.] *Annexing,*

> *The King to Mr. Hannam. Having heard so much of your affection to our person, we wished to have conferred with you, and would have used much freedom, but it was better for both that you did not stay; we believe the person then trusted by you intended to betray us both. We hope it will not be long before we meet, and without putting you to the trouble of a journey. If you can dispose your friends to assist you with the loan of such money as they can spare, we will take it very kindly from them, and they shall be no losers. If you are able to lend us 200l. and will deliver it to Sir H. De Vic, it will be a seasonable service, and advance an affair in which we hope you will all be gainers.*

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With certificate by [*Viscount*] *Cornbury, May* 19, 1668, *that the above is a copy of the King's letter to Mr. Hannam, about the time, as near as he can remember, that his Majesty was at Brussels.* [*Copies.* 1½ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 87I.]

Nov. 14. Certificate by Dr. Thos. Dalton, prebendary, and Denis Grenville, Archdeacon of Durham, Thos. Wood, Dean of Lichfield, and Sherrington Talbot, that Thomas, son of John Machon, Master of the Hospital of St. John the Baptist, in Lichfield, is a scholar of good and commendable learning, a Master of Arts, and of 13 years' standing in Oxford University; that he is in Holy Orders, and that he has taken the Oath of Allegiance, subscribed the doctrine of the Church of England, and shown himself to be a true son of the Church. [*Ibid. No.* 88.]

Nov. 14. Whitehall. Reference to the Treasury Commissioners of the petition of George Kirk, for confirmation of the late King's grant of the manor of Sheriff-Hutton, co. Yorks, and of his right to the 800th fen, co. Lincoln. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 18, *p.* 340.]

Nov. 14. Whitehall. Warrant for a counterpart to pass the great seal, of an indenture whereby the Duke of York grants the King 5,382*l.* 10*s.* from the profits of the Post Office, the reservation of the same being omitted from the Act of Parliament granting the said profits, and the power of granting wine licences, to the Duke. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 26, *f.* 41.]

Nov. 14. Milford. John Powell to Hickes. Has no news, there being no shipping in the port. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 89.]

Nov. 14. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. Several vessels drove, cut, or slipped through the great storm and rain, which did considerable harm. About 100 sail are in the Downs. [*Ibid. No.* 90.]

Nov. 14. Wakefield. John Peables to Williamson. Dr. Drake of Pontefract, who was so dignified by his Majesty after his restoration—for which he thanks you—desires you to procure him the small Prebend of South Newbold in this county. The living is only 14*l.* per annum, and has lapsed to his Majesty by the advancement of Dr. Wilkins to the Bishopric of Chester. [*Ibid. No.* 91.]

Nov. 15. Trinity College, [Cambridge.] Dr. John Pearson to Williamson. We have received a letter sent through Lord Arlington from his Majesty, for creating two Doctors of Divinity; it expressly requires that they should be created without any previous or subsequent performances, whereas a late letter from the King orders us to require all performances, notwithstanding any command or dispensation hereafter to be granted. I send a copy of the letter as it came from Sir Wm. Morice's office. The case standing thus, we have admitted both persons to their degrees upon half cautions, taking so much for satisfaction of the University upon his Majesty's grant, and remitting as much to those persons, out of respect to Lord Arlington.

We are most sensible of his lordship's kindness in inclining his

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Majesty to visit the University when he was at Audley End. I desire you to take notice of the grant enclosed, when you have occasion to draw up any letter for degrees. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 92.]

Nov. 15. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Edgar* is ordered into Portsmouth, to be paid off and laid up; but the weather being stormy, they would not venture until a good opportunity. Twenty Dutch ships ride in St. Helen's Road, outward bound, besides several others. [*Ibid. No.* 93.]

Nov. 15. Woolwich. Edw. Byland to Pepys. Has found a man who will furnish broom, and will use all possible rhetoric to make him flexible to their Honours' desires. Intends to work oak instead of spruce deals on the *Pearl*, for want of a supply; desires orders as to launching and tallowing. Hopes Mr. Shish will furnish a mast from Deptford, the one she has being too short; has sent him the length. [*Ibid. No.* 94.]

Nov. 16. J. Evelyn to Williamson. I ask the Historiographer's place, which is void by the death of James Howell (if there be a subsistence appended to it), for Chr. Wase, formerly of King's College, Cambridge, who lost his fellowship for refusing the engagement. He is now schoolmaster of the Free School at Tunbridge, where his incomparable parts are obscured and depressed, and the miserable creature ploughs for 40*l.* a year, which does not afford him bread.

To render a specimen of his universal abilities, you ought to see his version of Hugh Gratius's Catechism into Greek verse, in which tongue he is competitor, if not superior to any of the age; and out of Greek into English, his admirable translation of Sophocles's *Electra*, for which loyal poem he suffered great persecution; out of Latin, old Gratius's *Cynegeticon*, or poem of Hunting; with his critical and historical notes upon all these three authors. His talent in the Latin tongue, and knowledge of universal history, will be found in a large preface to *Dictionarium minus*, which contains more good matter than many enormous volumes. With all these excellent parts, he is of a most innocent, sincere, humble, and sedulous mind; his style is nervous and material, but quick; and he is furnished to adorn it with all the advantages of the most refined learning.

In him you will have one ready to drudge for you in the most Herculean labours of the pen, upon any other occasions of putting things into Latin, and all without ever owning his merits. I will stand or fall in your good opinion if Wase does not make good to the utmost what I promise so largely in his behalf, and without his knowledge or seeking. He has travelled France and the Low Countries, is skilled in all the Oriental tongues, and was once compiling the History of Languages. I know not what he wants to qualify him equal to the ablest writer of this age, but his Majesty's favour, to give him bread and encouragement, that he may entirely vacate to his service, and begin to take off the reproaches we lie under from the Dutch and French scribblers, who yet poison all Europe with their pernicious pamphlets. [*Ibid. No.* 95.]

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Lamplugh.

John Lamplugh to Williamson. The Earl of Northumberland being dead, I suppose the young Earl will keep up the employment of such officers of repute as his ancestors have formerly had. It was their practice, until the death of Sir Pat. Curwen, to have a gentleman of quality as Lieutenant of the Honour of Cockermouth, with equal power with the other auditors; my ancestors have had the office, as also that of Bowbearer of Wastalhead Forest. Pray speak to the young Earl in my behalf, as my situation is near the forest, and the Earl will have more occasion than ordinary, on the fining of the tenants, for a lieutenant who knows their abilities; I will serve him as faithfully as any of my ancestors have done his ancestors. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 96.]

Nov. 17.
Exeter House.

Lord Ashley to Lord Arlington. His Majesty having referred Mr. Booth's petition for the ground plot on which the Excise office stood in St. Bartholomew Lane to the Treasury Commissioners, and a report being made of his Majesty's interest in, and the value of the same, he directed a warrant to pass the Seal authorising the Commissioners to assign his interest to Mr. Booth, who having proposed one Tomlinson to be made use of nominally in the warrant, and it being prepared accordingly, their lordships desire that you will offer it to his Majesty for his signature. [*Ibid. No.* 97.]

Nov. 17.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Edgar* cannot put into port for the weather. The Dutch fleet still remains at St. Helen's Road. [*Ibid. No.* 98.]

Nov. 17.
Minehead.

John Maurice to Williamson. The *John* of Watchet, a new ship of 100 tons, built at Watchet Creek 5 miles distant, has been brought into the harbour, being bound for Virginia. [*Ibid. No.* 99.]

Nov. 17.
Deal.

Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. Eight ships have arrived, very much damnified by the weather, and report that 80 sail left Bordeaux, and that they fear part have miscarried. Upwards of 115 ships are in the Downs, of which 10 are Spanish and 50 Dutch. [*Ibid. No.* 100.]

Nov. 17.
Plymouth.

John Clarke to Williamson. There are 30 sail of ships bound for Bilbao, Calais, &c., waiting for a fair wind to sail. [*Ibid. No.* 101.]

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John Clarke to Hickes. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 102.]

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Proposals by Capt. Moorcock and Boatswain Moore to the Navy Commissioners, about weighing the wrecks in the Medway; that 3 hoys be dismissed till February, and then, on the first light moon, remove one of the wrecks; that their men, 20 in number, be employed in securing and transporting ships as needed, in sweeping the river for anchors, guns, &c., and in taking advantage of low ebbs, to gain fastenings on wrecks yet unweighed, being paid and victualled as usual. With note that the receipt of the clerk of the cheque and storekeeper at Chatham, for several anchors weighed by them and put into the stores, was delivered to Sir John Mennes. [*Ibid. No.* 103.]

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Nov. 17. Portsmouth. Capt. John Tinker, master attendant, to Pepys. The boatswain of the *Adventure* is suspended, according to warrant and is coming to London to answer for himself. Has told the officers of the Ordnance about the guns lying on the wharf, but they cannot remedy it; 76 have to come out of the *Edgar*, and it will be a great charge to make room for them. [*Damaged. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 104.]

Nov. 17. Portsmouth. Capt. Ant. Deane to the Navy Commissioners. Shall dock the *Milford.* The caulkers from London ask board wages, as being strangers, they cannot get sufficient credit to subsist. Hopes they will mind the 300*l.* for the timber. The *Edgar* could not come into harbour through the bad weather. [*Damaged. Ibid. No.* 105.]

Nov. 17. Rear-Admiral Rich. Utber to Pepys. Prays him to move the Board for an order for what is due on his pension, and give it to his friend Mr. Knight. [*Ibid. No.* 106.]

Nov. 18. *Emsworth* sloop, Holehaven. Capt. Walter Perry to the Navy Commissioners. Particulars of the loss of a cask of pork, containing their 3 months' supply, which fell overboard in being hoisted. Asks for another, as they are wintering, and shall want it. [*Ibid. No.* 107.]

Nov. 18. Yarmouth. John Huntington, master of the *Adam and Eve,* to the Navy Commissioners. Being near the Humber on the 15th, a storm came suddenly upon them, and split the seams, which taking in much water, it washed the ballast all over the hold, and staved two butts of beer. Got into Yarmouth, leaving anchor and cable behind. Returned by land to Winterton, took a boat, and has recovered the anchor and cable; hopes to be ready to proceed in 2 days. [*Ibid. No.* 108.]

Nov. 18. Victualling Office. Sir Denis Gauden to the Navy Commissioners. Considering the charge of freight, hazard at sea, &c., of victuals delivered to ships at Tangiers and Cadiz, hopes they will allow him 9*d.* a day per man, being the amount it lays him in. [*Ibid. No.* 109.]

Nov. 18. Woolwich. Edw. Byland to Col. Middleton. Sends Goodman Saywell to treat for furnishing reed. Shall launch the *Pearl* on Monday or Tuesday. Has sent to Capt. Hannam concerning the *Crown,* and presumes he will be down this morning. [*Ibid. No.* 110.]

Nov. 18. York. John, Lord Frescheville, to Lord [Arlington]. The particulars of the quarrel between 2 soldiers in my troop, in which one was slain, are that Swan came expressly to affront Hodgson—who is a civil man, and served the late and present King—gave him great provocation, and drew upon him. I think Hodgson should be delivered, though violently prosecuted by Swan's friends, and by those too who wish the King had neither soldiers nor sword, and who were never more numerous than at present. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 111.]

Nov. 18. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The Dutch fleet still continues at St. Helen's Road; the *Edgar* remains at Spithead. [*Ibid. No.* 112.]

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Nov. 18. Yarmouth. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Several ships have sailed for the Straits, and one for Cadiz, with lead, tar, and herrings, and others are lading. Twelve sail are riding in the Roads, bound for various places. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 113.]

Nov. 18. Speech of Sir P. Musgrave to the mayor and aldermen of Carlisle. We are met on the occasion of carrying out the order in Council, made on hearing the business between myself and Mr. Aglionby. I did not petition against the City, only against Aglionby's proceedings. But in return it was voted that the ground of my complaint could not be reversed. Persons of quality assisted therein, who should be present to-day rather to countenance the King's order, than an order reflecting on his prerogative and the privileges of garrisons. All professed to have nothing against me, being forced to use this gloss, or well-meaning citizens would not have been drawn into the snare; but the King saw in it a design to blast my reputation and heave me out of my place. All imaginable arts were used to find matter against me. Some were courted and tempted with rewards, and others tried with threats, to bring complaints, and they did not forbear to rake into the ashes of the dead, and the actions of persons done years ago. Some are malicious enough to call me to account for acts in time of war, getting the King's pardon, &c., but have been unable to fix dishonour upon me, or show any reason for their envy, except my being employed by my Sovereign.

It is of concern to his Majesty that a good understanding should exist between the garrison and the citizens; therefore, forgetting the injuries intended, I will endeavour it by all just means, and hope the citizens will do the like, and discover their displeasure against those factious spirits and hot-headed people that love disputes. If they will not, I am bound to let them know that it is not the part of good subjects to create misunderstandings because they are angry; I hope you will endeavour to preserve that opinion which you have gained with sufferings, of being as loyal subjects as in any city in England. [1¼ *pages. Ibid. No.* 114.]

Nov. 18. Memorandum that the King be moved that vacancies which happen by the death of any of the Commissioners of Appeal may not be supplied, but that their number may fall as they die; also asked whether he thinks fit to bestow a pension of 200*l.* a year, being the salary of one of them, on Sir Sam. Morland. Noted as agreed to. [*Ibid. No.* 115.]

Nov. 18. Warrant for Charles, Duke of Richmond and Lenox, to preserve the game in the whole county of Kent. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 89.]

Nov. 18. Whitehall. The King to the Masters of the Bench of Lincoln's Inn. Sir Thos. Beverley, Master of Requests, has been fined by you 200 marks for not having read in his course as reader. This proceeding intrudes on the privileges and immunities of our servants; we require you to discharge Sir Thomas from the said fine, and leave

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him to the quiet enjoyment of his chamber, as long as he holds the place of Master of Requests. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, *f.* 13.] *Annexing,*

> *Order in the Council of Lincoln's Inn, that Sir T. Beverley be fined* 200 *marks for not reading in his course, and, in default of payment, yield up his Bench chambers.—Lincoln's Inn,* 20 *April* 1668. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 116.]

[Nov. 18.] Four drafts of the above, with differences. [*Ibid. Nos.* 117–120.]

[Nov. 18.] Another draft.

Nov. 18. Petition of Dame Ann, widow of Sir Richard Fanshaw, late Ambassador to Spain, to the King, for payment of 1,000*l.* omitted in a privy seal drawn for 1,000*l.* instead of 2,000*l.*, for her expenses in bringing her husband's dead body and her children and servants, 60 persons in all, a six months' land journey from Madrid to London; and also for interest at 6 per cent. for 3 years on the money due to him, which was 5,900*l.* [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 121.]

Nov. 19. Whitehall. Petition of Capt. Thos. Segar, son of Sir Wm. Segar, late Garter King-at-Arms, to the King, for a grant of the Pursuivant's place in the Heralds' Office, vacant by death of Mr. Hornybrooke. Has suffered much misery through his loyalty, having been sequestered and removed from place to place, sleeping on shipboard and under hatches, &c., until at last he broke out of imprisonment, with a great deal of hazard, and made his escape, as Dr. [Rich.] Sterne, Archbishop of York, and divers others can testify. With reference thereon to the Commissioners for the office of Earl Marshal, and their report in favour of the petition. [*Ibid. No.* 122.]

Nov. 19. John Moorhouse to the Surveyor of the Navy. His accounts for Waltham Forest were passed, and a bill signed these two years; but against him bills of imprest still lie for 600*l.*, and he cannot call them in, as his bill amounts to 693*l.*, and there is no money to pay the 93*l.* Desires that his salary, which is included, may be put into a distinct bill, so that he may take up his imprest bills. There are 7 oaks in Whittlewood Forest, felled by John Langrack, deceased, which are unfit for timber, but will make good barrel boards, and will produce 7*l.* for every 1,000 boards. Wants a bill of imprest for 200*l.* It is a seasonable time for felling timber; it will save 6*d.* per 100 planks on the spring prices, and will give them time to season. [*Ibid. No.* 123.]

Nov. 19. Woolwich. William Sheldon, clerk of the cheque, to Thos. Hayter. Asks whether the officers suspended, and re-admitted by order from the Board, shall stand cleared without any abatement of victuals or wages. Sends orders already received therein, and begs their return. [*Ibid. No.* 124.]

Nov. 19. Portsmouth. Capt. John Tinker to Pepys. Will proceed to fit the *Portland* and *Milford*, and requests a warrant for entering men.

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Most of the *Edgar's* men are willing to enter, and it would save conduct money. Handspikes are very much wanted; the foul weather hinders the *Edgar* from coming in. [*Damaged. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 125.]

Nov. 19. Certificate by Capt. Rich. Country, that he was put from his anchors in the Downs by an Ostend man-of-war, and forced to have John Culmer's boat and men for 3 days, to save the anchors. [*Ibid. No.* 126.]

Nov. 20. Certificate by J. Pearse that Capt. Narbrough, late commander of the *Assurance* frigate, was dangerously wounded by a musket-shot, at the taking of Surinam from the Dutch, and that the stiffness consequent thereon is not likely to be repaired by time and age. [*Ibid. No.* 127.]

Nov. 20. Reference recommending to the Treasury Commissioners the petition of Col. Guy Molesworth, for a life in reversion of the Keepership of the Custom House, London, fee 40*l.* a year, he being in great want, and having served the late King throughout the rebellion. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 18, *p.* 341.]

Nov. 20. Presentation of Fras. Moore to the vicarage of Bovey Tracey, co. Devon. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 19, *p.* 89. *See p.* 55 *supra.*]

Nov. [20]. Docquet of the above. [*Docquet, Vol.* 23, *No.* 280.]

Nov. 20. Commission for Bevill Skelton to be captain. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 20, *p.* 195.]

Nov. 20. Dispensation for Sir Peter Brook, Bart., High Sheriff of the County Palatine of Chester, to repair to Lancashire or elsewhere when necessary. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 73.]

Nov. 20. Warrant to Edward, Earl of Manchester, to preserve the game within 10 miles of Waltham Abbey, Essex. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 89.]

Nov. 20. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. All the ships still remain here, waiting for a fair wind to carry them out of the Channel. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 128.]

Nov. 20. Sir R. Murray to Williamson. I ask you to draw a warrant appointing Dr. Williams Assay Master for the Tin; he told Lord Arlington that the King had been moved in the business and granted it, and his lordship desired Dr. Williams to direct you to prepare it. [*Ibid. No.* 129.]

Nov. 21. Portsmouth. Capt. Anth. Deane to Williamson. I send a letter received from my friend abroad, wherein you will see he gives a very good hint of the great preparation of the French King's fleet; in a short time he will have such an one as may well give fears to those not so well provided either with ships or money, for he pays all workmen every 15 days, and therefore is well served. Pray send those letters of mine and his wife's to St. Malo, which will be an encouragement; I hope I shall content his lordship [Arlington] on my return, as no man living can better understand the affair. Pray acknowledge the receipt of the letters, as the miscarriage would be of ill consequences to my friend. [*Ibid. No.* 130.]

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Nov. 21. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. The great fleet of about 100 sail still remains in the Downs. A Dutch ship was on the Goodwin Sands, but being fine weather, was got off. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 131.]

Nov. 21. Reference to the Treasury Commissioners and the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, of the petition of Thos. Tillson, for payment of his salary of 600*l.* [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 18, *p.* 343.]

Nov. 21. Game warrant for Sir Ralph Hare, Bart., of Stow, co. Norfolk, within 10 miles distance of Stow. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 73.]

[Nov. 21.] Whitehall. Order for a warrant to pay from the farm of the customs of unwrought wood, &c., granted to Sir Rob. Paston, the 462*l.* 10*s.* quarterly allowed to Lord Arlington and Sir John Trevor each, removing it from the Post Office, on account of the many charges thereon. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 132.]

Nov. 21. Entry of the above, with differences. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 26, *f.* 42.]

Nov. 21. Request by Col. Thos. Middleton that Sam. Pett, employed under Mr. Norman, late clerk of the survey at Chatham, may be continued under Mr. Homewood, the present clerk of the survey there, and entered on the quarter books. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 133.]

Nov. 21. Woolwich. Wm. Sheldon to [the Navy Commissioners]. There are several pressed caulkers in the works at Woolwich that may be discharged. The money due to them will amount to 68*l.* Desires their order therein. [*Ibid. No.* 134.]

Nov. 21. Dublin. J. Brisbane to Pepys. Intreats, on behalf of Capt. Hooper of the *Harp*, that when order is taken for paying her, an account may be taken of her supernumeraries, which he affirms are none at all, or that his pay may not be stopped above what may answer that particular. Sends a petition, &c., of the boatswain, that the person entrusted to pay the frigate may pass his accounts. He is a very able officer and sober man, and deserving of kindness. [*Ibid. No.* 135.]

Nov. 21. *Harp* frigate. Capt. Rob. Hooper to the Navy Commissioners. Thos. Chapman, his boatswain, has behaved himself civilly and honestly while he has commanded, and shown certificates from former commanders to the same purpose. Desires they will order the passing of his accounts here, that he may receive his money when the frigate is paid, and not be put to the trouble and charge of going to London, he being a poor man with a great family. With note, 10 Dec., that Mr. Tippetts, in Col. Middleton's absence, is to examine the boatswain's account. [*Ibid. No.* 136.]

Nov. 21. J. Clerke to [the Navy Commissioners.] Desires that a valuation may be made of the goods taken by Mr. Acworth out of the stores, with names of the parties who will attest it, and that all the witnesses may be ready by Wednesday sevennight. [*Ibid. No.* 137.]

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Nov. 21.
Ordnance Office.

Fras. Nicholls, and two others to Pepys. Send a warrant by the Duke of York for delivering the *Charles* yacht, and desire he will send order to Portsmouth for her delivery to Hen. Morris, who will leave the Ordnance smack, the *Content*, in her stead. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 138.]

Nov. 21.
Harwich.

Capt. Silas Taylor to the Navy Commissioners. Has had sufficient trouble, between the want of money, and the storms that continued 4 or 5 days, and were so violent that several ships and other vessels were forced from their anchors. Caused bills to be set up at Ipswich and Colchester, for the sale of the hulk by inch of candle; she was appraised at 90*l.* and sold for 105*l.* Took out the mast, shears, and rigging, but could have wished, because of their rottenness and little use, that they had been sold, as it would have increased her price, and the charge of unrigging would have been saved. [*Ibid. No.* 139.]

Nov. 22.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. One of the Navy Commisioners has arrived to pay off and discharge the seamen of the *Edgar*, when they come into port; 16 men carrying a piece of timber for the new ship, and coming upon the stage, the rope broke, and they fell down with their burthen; all the men were bruised and hurt, but none killed; the ship building for swiftness is nearly ready to launch. [*Ibid. No.* 140.]

Nov. 22.
Falmouth.

Thos. Holden to Hickes. Departure of ships; the *Dartmouth* and 2 others with provisions for Tangiers, the 2 *Marys* of London with pilchards for the Straits; the *Brothers' Adventure* for Virginia, &c. [*Ibid. No.* 141.]

Nov. 22.
Deal.

Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. Divers small ships have gone; one bound for Kinsale and Barbadoes sent a boat to weigh her anchor; the boat upset, 2 men were drowned and 1 saved. [*Ibid. No.* 142.]

Nov. 23.
Deal.

Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. The *Success* and the remainder of the fleet outward bound have sailed from the Downs. There is only the *Drake* of his Majesty's ships in the Downs. The ship that was on the Goodwin came from Hamburg, bound for Leghorn, and is commanded by Capt. Church, an Englishman, who for his baseness is called Dog Church. [*Ibid. No.* 143.]

Nov. 23.
Deal.

M. Lodge to Williamson. The fleet had sailed 3 hours before the receipt of the letter for Sir Rob. Southwell; I will keep it until I hear further, or until some ship comes into the Downs bound for that place. [*Ibid. No.* 144.]

Nov. 23.
Pendennis.

Fras. Bellott to Williamson. Capt. Trevanion, of the *Dartmouth* frigate, has gone, and 3 or 4 others, with Sir Denis Gauden's pleasure boat, formed part of her convoy. [*Ibid. No.* 145.]

Nov. 23.

John Bishop of Durham to Williamson. I send the complaint received from Newcastle about the seditious meetings of the congregation of Saints; I acquainted Sec. Trevor therewith while waiting at Court for the coming of Lord Arlington. I beg his lordship's notice given me of his Majesty's consent to Ralph Cole being a deputy-lieutenant for the County Palatine of Durham. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 146.] *Encloses,*

> *Information and complaint of Thos. Naylor, minister in the chief church of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, to the Bishop of Durham. There was a public meeting on the* 1*st of November in Barber Surgeons' Hall, Newcastle, of* 500 *of the congregation of Saints, headed and led by Gilpin, notoriously known to be disaffected to Government, who caused the* 149*th Psalm in meter to be sung, containing the lines—*
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> *To bind their stately kings in chains,*
> *Their lords in iron bands,*
> *To execute on them the doom*
> *That written is before,*
> *This honour all his Saints shall have,*
> *Praise ye the Lord therefore.*
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> *thus giving notice to all others in the town and country what their seditious designs are, in applying this Psalm to themselves. Gilpin much molested Westmoreland and Cumberland, and was so prosecuted by Sir Philip Musgrave's legal proceedings that he made him leave the country, and, fearing he might do as much mischief in Newcastle, gave notice thereof, that heed might be taken of him, and his evil designs prevented. There are* 3 *others named, Durant, Leaver, and Pringle, who join themselves together, and keep great assemblies of people in a house at Newcastle. The Mayor has forbidden them all to meet any more at so public a place as Surgeons' Hall, but I hear of no further proceedings being taken.*— 16 *Nov.* 1668. [*Ibid. No.* 146I.]

Nov. 23. Reference to the Treasury Commissioners of the petition of John Bishop of Chester, for a longer time for payment of the sums at which he is chequed in the Exchequer books. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 18, *p.* 342.]

Nov. 23. Warrant for a grant to Dr. Thos. Williams of the reversion, after Thos. Wiseman, of the office of Assay Master of all coinages of tin in Devon and Cornwall; with a memorandum that John Williams, his son, was included in the same grant, by a new warrant on 27 Nov. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 89.]

Nov. 23. Notes of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 147.]

Nov. 23. Order for a warrant to the officers of the Exchequer, to empower Sir George Benyon, Fras. Finch, and Edw. Wingate, as trustees in behalf of the Crown, to assign over the lease of the land whereon stood a house, employed as the Excise Office, situate in St. Bartholomew Lane, near the Royal Exchange, but burned in the fire of London, to Rich. Tomlinson, apothecary, of St. Paul's parish, Covent Garden. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 90.]

Nov. [23.] Docquet of the above. [*Docquet, Vol.* 23, *No.* 278.]

Nov. 23. Lease from Prince Rupert, Constable and Governor of Windsor Castle and honour, to Wm. Row, of New Windsor, Berkshire, for 40 years, of the part of the castle ditch between that part held by John Randall, and the tenement which Row holds of the mayor and bailiffs of New Windsor, with the adjoining part of the tenement, being that in which he now lives, on rent of 12 pence. [*Not signed. Case C, Charles II., No.* 10.]

Nov. 23. Maidstone. John Mason to the Navy Commissioners. Asks for payment to his wife of his bill, the better to enable him to perform his contract. Is hastening the timber to the dock, or should have waited on them himself. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 148.]

Nov. 24. Woolwich. Edw. Byland to Pepys. Intends to launch the *Pearl*, and dock the *Assistance*. The calkers have perfected the ships afloat; will discharge them to-morrow. Intreats for their money, as it will encourage them and others to attend when occasion requires. The undertakers intend to attempt to right the *House Sweede* to-morrow, and to heave her further into shoal water, so as to clear her hold; will be at leisure to assist them with his strength; it had been to-day but for launching the *Pearl*. [*Ibid. No.* 149.]

Nov. 24. Victualling Office. Thos. Lewis to Pepys. Sends accounts of the sale and disposition of biscuit, beef, and pork, provided in prosecution of the declaration of 1 Dec. 1666, and not taken off. With note that the enclosures were delivered by the Navy Commissioners to Sir Wm. Penn. [*Ibid. No.* 150.]

Nov. 24. The *Edgar*, Portsmouth. Capt. John Wettwang to the Navy Commissioners. Got the *Edgar* to Portsmouth to her moorings, and now she is unrigged; if he can have a lighter, may get most of her guns out. Desires further commands. [*Ibid. No.* 151.]

Nov. 24. Reference to the Treasury Commissioners of the petition of John, Bishop of Chester, for remission of the bonds which he has given for the first fruits of several dignities and promotions ecclesiastical, which he is leaving void. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 18, *p.* 342.]

Nov. 24. London. Mdme. de Schomberg to [the Duke of Buckingham ?]. I went as wife of the second son of M. de Schomberg from France to Portugal, where after awhile he entreated me to renounce my marriage, promising me a good pension if I would, and threatening ruin and perdition if I refused. He leaves me, refuses me maintenance, urges me to let him marry again, and declares I am not his lawful wife. I beg leave to go to Paris, to claim from the King of France justice against such barbarous actions. I lodge in old Pall Mall. [1½ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 152.] *Annexing,*

> *Certificate of Peter Malles, rector of St. John's du Perrot, Rochelle, of the marriage by him of the Marquis of Schomberg near the Rhine, second son of Count Schomberg of the Portuguese army, to Barbara Ludovica Rizze, daughter of Hieronymo Rizze, of Montferrat in Italy, at the house of André Moreau, near Rochelle,* 8 *Aug.* 1667. [*Latin. Ibid. No.* 152I.]

Nov. 24. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. The fleet of merchantmen has sailed, and the *Roebuck* is come in from Ireland. [*Ibid. No.* 153.]

Nov. 24. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Edgar* has come in; she is a very stout ship, 126 ft. by 39 ft. 10 in., and the largest of any of the rate in England. The Dutch fleet has sailed from St. Helen's. [*Ibid. No.* 154.]

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Christ Church, Oxford.

H. Decry to Rob. Francis. I fear being in the hands of a rogue, who only brings my letters just when they ought to be answered; I beg that the date may be put on the outside of the cover, so that the trickery may be proved; also that you will put when you receive my letters, lest there be the same negligence or malice about them. [*French. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 155.]

Nov. 25.
Falmouth.

Thos. Holden to Hickes. The *Hope* of Texel has arrived from Bordeaux, laden with wine. She was like to have been cast away near St. Ives, but by much industry and cost, has safely come into harbour, and they are now selling some of her wine to make satisfaction. Four others have also come in, which left the Downs in company with 50 sail, bound for France. [*Ibid. No.* 156.]

Nov. 25.
Falmouth.

Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect as the preceding, and his letter to Hickes of the 22nd. [*Ibid. No.* 157.]

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Steph. Gwillyn to Williamson. Pray look out the Bishop of Carlisle's petition for a commission to examine witnesses touching the dilapidations of Rose Castle, Cumberland, left by the Archbishop of York, upon his translation from Carlisle to York. It was drawn by Sir Charles Harbord and Sir Walter Walker, and delivered to Lord Arlington in 1667. When found, I beg you will promote the prosecuting of it to his Majesty; I will pay all fees, with an additional acknowledgment. [*Ibid. No.* 158.]

Nov. 25.
Yarmouth.

Rich. Bower to Williamson. Eight ships have sailed with red herrings, lead, and tar for the Straits. The town never had such great adventures thither before, 40 sail having gone or going on their own account. Six Yarmouth ships have arrived from Rotterdam.

It is reported that George England has got clear of being sheriff for the county, by means of Sir Wm. Doyley, who could do no less, Mr. England being a grand instrument to get Sir William burgess for Yarmouth. I cannot imagine what excuse can be made, as he has an estate worth 30,000*l.* or 40,000*l.*, and is a healthful, stirring man. There are in other corporations, as well as this, gentlemen who have in the late troublesome times, by a fair compliance, got great estates, whilst the loyal party have been ruined; men of mean extract, and as meanly bred, who deride the gentry, and will no ways concern themselves with public business that may create them either charge or trouble. [*Ibid. No.* 159.]

Nov. 25.
Bristol.

Sir John Knight to the Navy Commissioners. Has given a warrant to Mat. Stevens and John Jones of Bristol, to inventory and appraise the goods in the yard at Conpill, in order to publish the sale. Sends account of payments for the *Edgar* and the *Merlin* yacht, amounting to 364*l.* 14*s.* 10*d.*; has only received 200*l.*, the 120*l.* last charged not being paid. Requests its payment; will send his vouchers, if required. Hopes they will allow his account, and order his imprest bills of exchange. Capt. Wettwang has been very faithful and careful in despatching the *Edgar*, and has saved some hundreds of pounds to his Majesty. [*Ibid. No.* 160.]

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Harwich.

Capt. Silas Taylor to the Navy Commissioners. I had Capt. Carslake's assistance in everything concerning the sale of the hulk. The

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chapman, Mat. Doddesley, purser of the *Adventure,* refuses either to sign the contract or to pay the money, alleging that the King accepts two-thirds in bills, and one-third in money. I could not avoid his bidding and buying, but his intermeddling in the business has put me to straits; hoping to reimburse by the sale, I paid away all the money I had, or could procure, to satisfy clamorous persons employed by your order, who think themselves abused if the money be not paid at the end of the labour. I desire payment of 20*l*. ordered by bill of imprest; I dare not rely on Doddesley, he being so dilatory and full of cavil, and shall leave him to your Honours, either to give him a sharp reproof, or else to order him as to you shall seem best. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 161.] *Encloses,*

> *Appraisement by Miles Hubbard and* 2 *others of the* Rosebush *hulk; total,* 90*l.*—19 *Nov.* 1668. [*Ibid. No.* 161I.]

Nov. 26. Stockwith. Nich. Weymouth and Chris. Seely, masters of the *Macklier* and *Black Posthorse* hoys, to the Navy Commissioners. We are in want of provisions, and desire you to consider how we shall be supplied. [*Ibid. No.* 162.]

Nov. 26 ? Request addressed by Thos. Hobbes to the Royal Society, for their examination of a geometrical proposition by Dr. Wallis on motion, and of one by himself, to find a strait line equal to two-fifths of the arc of a quadrant. [*Printed. See Philosophical Transactions, Vol. I., pp.* 864–876. *Ibid. No.* 163.]

Nov. 26. Whitehall. Warrant for a grant to Sir John Trevor of the office of a principal Secretary of State, void by surrender of Sir Wm. Morice, with pension of 100*l*. a year. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 74.]

Nov. 26. The King to the Dean and Chapter of Exeter. Having appointed Hen. Bold precentor there, to which dignity a canonry of right belongs, we require you to elect him canon residentiary, in place of Dr. John Wilkins, now Bishop of Chester. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 19, *p.* 88.]

Nov. 26. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Milford* has come into the dry dock to be fitted for sea; Capt. John Hubbard has arrived to command her. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 164.]

Nov. 27. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. Several ships have arrived from Bordeaux, with French wine and prunes; also a vessel from Portugal laden with oranges. [*Ibid. No.* 165.]

Nov. 27. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 166.]

[Nov. 27.] 5 Cal. Dec. Oxford. Sir Hen. Smith to Williamson. I write from gratitude, not ambition, to give an account of my charge. Mr. Clifford, since his entrance into the Academy, has done nothing unworthy of a noble father, is pure from the vices of the age, of good disposition, and very docile; he loses daily his rustic shyness. His backwardness is the fault of his former tutor, who soothed when he should have chastised him, so that the sparkle of intellect being now laid to sleep, it will require Herculean force to awaken it. I will spare no industry therein. [*Latin. Ibid. No.* 167.]

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Nov. 27. Barnstaple. Wm. Wakeman to Williamson. The *John and Andrew* has arrived from St. Lucar, with salt and wine. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 168.]

Nov. 27. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. Three East India ships have come from the Thames, outward bound. The *Drake* is the only King's ship in the Downs. The vessel that struck on the Goodwin Sands is unloading, and carrying her goods to Dover, where she is to go, when light, to have a new rudder. [*Ibid. No.* 169.]

Nov. 27. Yarmouth. Rich. Bower to Williamson. I repeat the contents of my letter of 9 October as to the proceedings of the Independent party and Mr. Bridge. I find that my information was sent to Mr. Bridge by a friend at Court, and that James Johnson of Yarmouth has received an order to draw up some queries and require our minister, Mr. Spendlow, to answer them, with strict charge to be very private in it. Spendlow asked me if I had written up anything concerning Bridge. I urged him to give me a reason for his asking, and was informed of the demand from Johnson, who stated the King had read the letters concerning Bridge. I told him that there was a puzzle in it, and that the order to Johnson must come from some person that wished well to Bridge and his party, and therefore advised him to decline answering, unless required by authority, or unless Johnson would let him see the hand that was set to the order, which he refusing, Spendlow refused also, adding that if he gave any answer, it would be only confirming what had been stated. Johnson replied that then he should not desire it. I believe it was Sir Wm. Doyley that wrote to Johnson, as Johnson is his agent; and it is not denied by Bridge's son-in-law.

It is not the first time the people here have been acquainted with the contents of my letters, which gives me the report of a turbulent person; I have no prejudice against any man for his judgment, unless tending to subvert Government, whose commands make indifferent things lawful or unlawful; I have never been contentious, and only state miscarriages because required. I must be sparing in things of this nature for the future, but whatever I have written for truth, I will make so appear. I desire that Spendlow may be required to give his answer to the letter of 9 October.

There are 20 sail of light colliers passed northward, and a vessel has come in from Malaga, bound for Dantzic, upon some London merchants' account. A wreck being espied near the sands, several boats went off, and report it to be a Swede of 200 tons, laden with clapboard. [1¼ *pages. Ibid. No.* 170.]

Nov. 27. Newcastle. Fras. Anderson to Henry Brabant. The fanatics have had a public fast, but for what is not known. Gilpin, Durant, Pringle, and Leaver were the preachers. It was a business above any example I have heard of, and is only in the power of the King and his Council. Deputy-lieutenants are much wanted. [*Ibid. No.* 171.]

Nov. 27. Newcastle. Ralph Gray to Hen. Brabant. I entreat you to buy me a sword to walk in town with, for if the fanatics hold on, it will not be safe to be without one. They are mighty high since you went to

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London, and had a fast last Wednesday, which was held forth by 4 that preached, 2 others assisting them in praying, and the work was carried on from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Upwards of 500 were present, and persons marched off to them who have received the Sacrament according to the Church of England. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 172.]

Nov. 27. Royal Citadel, Plymouth. Wm. Longford to Sir Thos. Skelton. I send the names of 21 ships come into harbour, with their destination, lading, &c.; I beg to be remembered to the Earl and Countess of Bath, Lord Lansdowne, Lady Jane, and all that family. A vessel from Sally reports that 11 English ships have been taken there; an English frigate chased ashore 3 Sally men-of-war, which were split into pieces. [1¼ *pages. Ibid. No.* 173.]

Nov. 27. Commission for Wm. Reeves to be captain-lieutenant to the Prince [Rupert]'s company at Windsor. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 20, *p.* 195.]

Nov. 27. Dispensation for Sir Thos. Hussey, Bart., High Sheriff of Lincolnshire, to repair to London or elsewhere, when his occasions require. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 74.]

Nov. 27. Grant to Edm. Nuboult, late student of Trinity College, Cambridge, of the place of Master of the Free School at Berkhampstead. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 91.]

Nov. 27. Warrant to the Treasury Commissioners to pay 200*l.* to Sir Ed. Spragg, out of the privy seal dormant for 10,000*l.* Minute. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 27. Whitehall. Order for a warrant for payment of 30s. a day to Henry St. George, Richmond Herald, appointed to attend the Earl of Carlisle, sent Ambassador Extraordinary to perform the ceremonial of delivering the Garter to the King of Sweden; also to allow him his expenses in that service. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 26, *f.* 41.]

Nov. 27. The *Lenox*, Holehaven. Capt. John Holmes to the Navy Commissioners. His 2 months' provisions will be expended next Thursday. Desires a recruit and 2 more men, as he has very hard duty for 12 men this winter time. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 174.]

Nov. 28. Bristol. Sir John Knight to the Navy Commissioners. Desires order for the sale of goods at Conpill, and for the payment of those that went over to appraise them, who protest they have valued them at the utmost. Shall assist Mr. Furzer in the sale. [*Ibid. No.* 175.] *Enclosing,*

> *Appraised inventory by Mathew Stevens and John Jones, of timber and smith's stores at Conpill. Total value,* 74*l.* 6*s.* 2*d.*—24 *Nov.* 1668. [*Ibid. No.* 175I.]

> *Account by Mathew Stevens of money expended for* 3 *days' travel from Bristol to Conpill, to inventory and appraise timber and other materials.*—28 *Nov.,* 1668. [*Ibid. No.* 175II.]

Nov. 28. Bristol. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Commissioners. Desires payment for 2 anchors sent up in the *Edgar*, value 66*l.* 11*s.* 0*d.* [*Ibid. No.* 176.]

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Nov. 28. Navy Office. Navy Commissioners to the Farmers of Customs. The masters of 2 ships, arrived from Scotland with masts for his Majesty, complain that interruption has been given in their delivery at the yard, upon pretence of customs due. Desire, as such interruption will occasion loss by demurrage, that they will suffer them to be delivered, assuring them that the delivery shall be of no prejudice to them in their receipt of their due, as the same shall be made to appear. With note that the messenger that carried this letter to the Farmers brought it back, with the message that they had let out the customs of Scotch goods; that if the lading of the ships is duly entered, and the customs paid, their stop shall be removed, but not otherwise. 1 *Dec.* 1668. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 177.]

Nov. 28. Report by Surveyor Thos. Middleton to the Navy Commissioners, of the charge of converting the timber into plank in Aliceholt and Whittlewood Forests, and of the carriage. [*Ibid. No.* 178.]

Nov. 28. Navy Office. Giles Bond to the Navy Commissioners. The *Hope* galliot has returned from the Downs, and is lying at Woolwich to assist in the weighing of the wrecks. Desires order for her repair. [*Ibid. No.* 179.]

Nov. 28. Whitehall. M. Wren to Pepys. Sends a letter from Sir Thos. Allin. Though dated from Tangiers, it is manifest that it was from Algiers, so it is 50 days old; and considering how many more it must be before any letter will reach Leghorn, fears he will be past that place before orders about his victualling can come thither. Suggests, as the surest way, to give Sir Thos. Allin the whole credit he desires at Cadiz, with directions, if they come in time, to take in such provisions lying at Leghorn as he finds fit, and to make it up 2 months, by the credit which he shall find ready for him at Cadiz. [*Ibid. No.* 180.]

Nov. 28. The King to the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church. We request you to dispense with the absence of Fras. Vernon, student of that college, he being chosen by Charles, Earl of Carlisle, going Ambassador Extraordinary to Sweden, to attend him in his embassy, as his long travel and experience may be of assistance. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 19, *p.* 90.]

Nov. [28 ?] Ticket of invitation to Jos. Williamson to attend at Arundel House, on 30 Nov., at 9 a.m., at a meeting of the Royal Society, for the election of the council officers for the ensuing year. Signed "Brouncker, P.R.S." [*Printed form. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 181.]

Nov. 28. Particulars of plate delivered to Sir Wm. Temple on his embassy to Holland. [1¼ *pages. Ibid. No.* 182.]

Nov. 28. Lyme. Ant. Thorold to Hickes. Several vessels outward bound have gone to sea, but none have arrived for upwards of a month. The *Merchants' Adventure*, a new Lyme ship, has come in from Morlaix, and reports that a dispute happened there, between the Marquis commanding the castle, and the Chief Judge of the place,

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which came to blows, and that the King is inquiring into the rise of the gentry there, intending to make those pay that have lately sprung up.

The *Hope* of Scarborough has arrived with deals from Norway, having been at sea a long time, and forced to throw some of her goods overboard through the weather. The *Mary*, from St. Malo, reports that at Jersey and Guernsey, they felt the effects of the late earthquake at the same time as St. Malo; they complain of the bad trade for drapery, through the great importation of wool from Ireland. Other vessels are making into the harbour, and more are expected. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 183.]

Nov. 28. Deal. Rich. Watts to Williamson. The *Drake* has gone in to be paid. A pilot from Flushing reports that there is a very brisk trade there with English butter, cheese, corn, and other commodities, which are cheaper there than here. Also that one of the greatest bankers has broken for many thousand pounds, and made his escape, and another was making his, but was secured by the Lords; this trick of such breaking was never known there before. [*Ibid. No.* 184.]

Nov. 28. Christ Church, Oxford. H. Decry to Rob. Francis. I would write oftener, but fear you have not time to read my ill-composed letters. I beg you, in sealing the *Gazettes*, to put the date of the receipt of letters. [*French. Ibid. No.* 185.]

Nov. 28. Weymouth. John Pocock to Hickes. Several vessels have sailed for Portugal and France, and others have come in; one from Cherburg reports the launching there of a small frigate of 200 tons for the King's use; also that the French there behave themselves very rudely to the English, cutting away their cables and ropes by violence, and without satisfaction. I am informed from St. Malo that a great frigate, of 120 guns, has been launched, and that she is so well liked that 2 more of the same dimensions are ordered to be put upon the stocks. She treads 140 feet by the flower beam, and has 16 port-holes on a floor. They discourse that the French King will have a fleet of 120 sail ready by the spring, that they hope to break with the Dutch, and that the tonnage is to be taken off from the English in a short time. [*Ibid. No.* 186.]

Nov. ? Petition of the Mayor, &c., of Kingston-upon-Hull to the King, for his approval of Edw. Barnard, counsellor, to be their Recorder, [*Ibid. No.* 187.] *Annexing,*

> *Certificate by Lord Belasyse and* 4 *others to the King, that Edw. Barnard, barrister-at-law, is a loyal subject, and of ability in his profession, and qualified for the office of Recorder of Hull, in place of Wm. Lister, who has resigned; and that the Mayor and Aldermen of the town have, by their petition to his Majesty, desired that he may be nominated.*—28 *Nov.* 1668. [*Ibid. No.* 187I.]

Nov. 29. The King to the Dean and Chapter of Exeter. We request you to dispense with the residence of Hen. Bold, precentor and canon there, during a considerable part of the year,—important occasions requiring his absence,—and to allow him his full rights and profits, &c. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 19, *p.* 89.]

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Deal.

Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. Twenty-three Dutch vessels have been forced in by contrary winds. The East India ships that came from London, and 2 merchantmen bound for the Straits, are in the Downs, but not one King's ship. Deal castle fired the gun last night and this morning. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 188.]

Nov. 30.

Sir Wm. Penn to the Navy Commissioners. The examination of the victualler's accounts,—many whereof were never produced but at this juncture of time,—is committed to my charge, just when I daily expect to have this office, and join with Sir Denis Gauden in carrying on the victualling by a new contract. I think you should appoint a person to examine and cast up the papers and accounts that have not passed your view. I doubt not that all faithfulness and diligence has been used, but as most of it depends upon casting, and that of such variety and intricacy as the best of men have erred in, any error would in part reflect on me. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 189.]

Nov. 30.
Woolwich.

Wm. Bodham to Thos. Hayter. Particulars of 35 bundles of Riga and Quinborough hemp received from Messrs. Doggett and Upton, and put on board the *Hardercen,* to be sent to Chatham, 17 Jan. 1668. The mistake is not his, the negligence of the master and his crew is only to be blamed. [*Ibid. No.* 190.]

Nov. 30.
Woolwich.

Wm. Sheldon and 3 other officers [of the dockyard], to the Navy Commissioners. Only part of Sir John Shaw's hemp answered in goodness to his contract, but it was a small part indeed; we deny that the entire part, or as much as one draught, was delivered suitable to contract, and unmixed with what was worse; all was of 2, 3 or 4 sorts. Our omitting to certify the quantity of the best upon the bill was not to do the merchant an injury, but for several considerations, one being that we did not wish to brand the merchant by recording that of 58 tons, only a few cwts. were answerable to contract. [*Ibid. No.* 191.]

Nov. 30.
Drury Lane.

Earl of Anglesey to the Navy Commissioners. I have given order to Mr. Fenn to attend you with the best satisfaction that can be given; I desire you, if he has not been, to send for him; as things stand, I cannot give personally that satisfaction which I desire for the King's service. [*Ibid. No.* 192.]

Nov. 30.
Pendennis.

Fras. Bellott to Williamson. Several vessels have arrived from places named. An Apsom man from St. Lucar, with sherry, wines and fruit, was dogged a whole night by a Sally man-of-war, having a great Dutch prize in custody; but receiving 2 or 3 guns from the Apsom man, she bore away. [*Ibid. No.* 193.]

Nov. 30.
Falmouth.

Thos. Holden to Hickes. Arrival of the *William and Ann* of Southampton from Bordeaux, with wines, and the *Francis* of Topsham from St. Lucar, with wines and salt. [*Ibid. No.* 194.]

Nov. 30.
Lyme.

Anth. Thorold to Hickes. A vessel from St. Malo and another from Newhaven were forced in by foul weather. A quarantine being put upon all vessels from those parts, a guard was set on them and kept on board. The *Elizabeth* from St. Malo reports that the French discourse as to taking off the [English] tonnage, on consideration of breaking the link of the chain that holds Holland and us. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 195.]

Nov. 30. List of the Fellows and Council of the Royal Society; 10 are to be chosen into the Council from the Fellows, and 11 from the former Council. [*Printed sheet. Ibid. No.* 196.]

Nov. 30. Whitehall. Warrant for a grant to Charles Hart, milliner, late of Cambridge, of pardon for all offences committed before 10 June 1660. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 75.]

Nov. 30. Warrant to the Duke of Buckingham, Master of the Horse, to order the swearing in of John Bercely as Page of Honour. [*Ibid. f.* 76.

Nov. ? Petition of Henry Mildmay, High-Sheriff of Hampshire, to the King, for leave of absence from the county, having made an able under-sheriff; is a barrister of Gray's Inn, and engaged on concerns in town. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 197.]

Nov. ? Petition of Sir George Vyner, Bart., to the King, for permission to reside out of Norfolk during the year of his shrievalty, having no house in the county, on condition of appointing suitable deputies, and attending himself at the assizes; had obtained a dispensation from standing for this year, and Mr. England was appointed, but got himself discharged. [*Ibid. No.* 198.]

Nov. ? Petition of Wm. Palmer, goldsmith, to the King, for the place of Assay-master in the Mint, which he held after the restoration, till an ancient patent for it was produced on behalf of one Woodward, who had long lived unheard of in Virginia, and the place is now void. [*Ibid. No.* 199.]

Nov. Presentation of John Cole, D.D., to the Rectory of Broadwater, co. Sussex, void by simony or outlawry. [*Docquet, Vol.* 23, *No.* 278.]

Nov. Warrant to pay to Sir Stephen Fox, Paymaster of the Guards and garrisons, 107,425*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* a year for the pay of the Guards and marching forces, and 76,393*l.* 10*s.* for the garrisons; also 354*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* monthly, to be disposed of as the King directs; also all moneys which he disburses for interest, not exceeding 20,000*l.* and 600*l.* for rebuilding the Horse-guard house. [*Ibid. No.* 279.]

Nov. Warrant to pay to Michael Arnold 100*l.* for the poor of St. Margaret's parish, Westminster. [*Ibid. No.* 280.]

Nov. Grant of the restitution of the temporalities of the Bishopric of Chester to Dr. John Wilkins, from the death of the late Bishop. [*Ibid. No.* 281.]

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Nov. Warrant to assign to the Duke of Monmouth as many orders, drawn in the name of Wm. Legg, Lieutenant of Ordnance, as amount to 3,000*l.*, being the remainder of 8,000*l.* formerly granted to the said Duke. [*Docquet, Vol.* 23, *No.* 281.]

Nov. Warrant to pay to the Lieutenant of the Ordnance 120,000*l.* on account, 60,000*l.* for sea, and 60,000*l.* for land service. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. Warrant for allowance to the present farmers of the Customs of all the forfeitures paid in during their farm, as the same were allowed to the late farmers. [*Ibid. Nos.* 282, 283.]

Nov.
Court at Whitehall. Warrant to pay to Thos. Elliott 300*l.* for his charge in keeping the King's house at Newmarket, lately bought, and airing the rooms and household stuff, from Ladyday 1667 to Michaelmas last. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 200.]

Nov. Docquet of the above. [*Docquet, Vol.* 23, *No.* 284.]

Nov. Warrant for paying all money, tallies, &c., due for the Navy to Sir Thos. Osborne and Sir Thos. Littleton, who hold the office of Navy treasurers during the suspension of the Earl of Anglesey; as also the further sum of 100,000*l.* on account for the same service. [*Ibid. No.* 285.]

Nov. Warrant to pay to the Earl of Carberry, president of the Council in the Marches of Wales, 800*l.* a year on account, for the extraordinary expenses expressed in an establishment annexed, over and above 1,106*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* a year allowed for diet, and 400*l.* a year for maintenance of an honourable stable. [*Ibid. Nos.* 286, 287.]

Nov. Discharge to the Earl of Carberry from accounting for 3,000*l.* received by him at the rate of 400*l.* a year, from 25 Sept. 1661, for maintenance of an honourable stable, and continuance to him of the said payment during pleasure, vacating a privy seal therefor of 25 Sept. 1661. [*Ibid. No.* 287.]

Nov. Grant to Roger Payne, nominee of the Duke of Richmond, on surrender of the said Duke, of the rent of 997*l.* 1*s.* 11*d.* reserved to the Crown on lease of the alnage of old and new draperies lately granted to the said Duke, who has surrendered a pension of 1,000*l.* a year, with arrears, granted him by the late King, and 1,180*l.* 1*s.* 9¾*d.*, part of 4,000*l.* due to him on his pension of 1,000*l.* a year as gentleman of the bedchamber. [*Ibid. No.* 288.]

Nov. Confirmation of all charters, &c., formerly granted to the master, wardens, and commonalty of merchant adventurers of Bristol, with a clause that all officers of the society are to take the oaths of allegiance and supremacy. [*Ibid. No.* 289.]

Nov. Grant to the Duke of Newcastle of 8,083*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, being the arrears of a pension of 1,000*l.* a year, from 29 May 1660 to 24 June last; and also grant of a pension of 1,000*l.* a year for life. [*Ibid. No.* 290.]

Nov. Warrant to pay to Wm. Ashburnham, cofferer of the Household, 90,000*l.* by monthly payments of 7,500*l.*, for the household expenses, from 1 Oct. 1668 to 30 Sept. 1669. [*Docquet, Vol.* 23, *No.* 291.]

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Nov. Presentation of John Hacket to the Rectory of Theberton, co. Suffolk, void by death of John Carey. [*Docquet, Vol.* 23, *No.* 291.]

Nov. Grant to John Charnock of a waiter's place in the port of London; with proviso that the usual salary is to cease during the time that the Customs are let to farm. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. Grant to John Oneby, on surrender of Edw. Seymour, of a messenger's place in the Exchequer during pleasure. [*Ibid. No.* 292.]

Nov. Whitehall. Warrant to the Commissioners of Prizes to allow Charles, Duke of Richmond and Lenox, owner of the *Lenox* privateer, to have 5 bales of goods taken by the said privateer in a prize ship, the *Gift of God*, but condemned to the King's use in the Court of Appeals, as belonging to an enemy against whom the commander of the vessel had no letters of marque. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 201.]

[Nov.] Copy of the above. [*Ibid. No.* 202.]

Nov. Notes [by Williamson] from the signet books of warrants, &c., passed during the month, the uncalendared portions of which are as follows:—

Note that during suspension from the office of Treasurer [of the Navy] during pleasure, the King may appoint others to have the exercise and emoluments of the office.

Note that Sir Gabriel Silvius, sent Envoy Extraordinary to the Elector of Brandenburg, had 200*l.* equipage, and 3*l.* a day entertainment, paid 3 months in advance, and expenses, &c., allowed.

Note that the Earl of Carlisle, sent to carry the garter to the King of Sweden, had 1,500*l.* for equipage, and 10*l.* a day, paid 3 months in advance; and St. George, the herald attending him, 30*s.* a day and 250*l.* for equipage. Extraordinaries allowed to both. [*Dom. Papers, Car. II.* 248, *No.* 127.]

[Nov.] Note of receipts and payments by Ambrose Benet, on behalf of Jerome Smith, a lunatic, since the passing of a like account in 1667 before Sir Nath. Webb, Master in Chancery. [8 *sheets. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 203.]

Nov. ? Note by Williamson of 6 objections made by Lord Arlington to the draft of the letter for his Royal Highness, as compared with the order of 21 Oct., which Dr. Gorges says were all cleared by the lord keeper 12 Nov., excepting the 3rd, relating to such lands as were set out to regicides, which his Lordship wishes to be rectified. [*Ibid. No.* 204.]

Nov. Earl of Anglesey to Pepys. I compassionate Hen. Grant, who had his livelihood taken from him by a vessel of his being made a fireship, and for which he is not yet paid; I wish the Board would consent to some way for payment, to keep him and his family from perishing; if the Board cannot pay him presently, let us join in a particular recommendation of his sad case, as the tears of this afflicted old man have often grieved my heart.

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I cannot be with you to-day; I am going about Mr. Clutterbuck's business, which I have been following already two days in vain. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 205.]

[Nov.] Papers relating to officers of ships at Woolwich, who were suspended for non-attendance.

Certificates, signed by the men whose names are appended, of satisfactory causes of absence, through sickness of themselves or relatives, or attention to other duties, of the following persons:— [*Ibid. Nos.* 206–217.]

Oct. 23. Boatswain, gunner, purser, and cook of the *Centurion*, by John Kiggens, boatswain, John Pryar, gunner, Mich. Taylor, cook, and Thos. Ridgway, purser of the *Centurion.*

Oct. 23. John Prowere, gunner of the *Jersey*, by Lau. Coelson.

Oct. 23. Boatswain, gunner, purser, and cook of the *Jersey*, by Cuthbert Bombridge and 2 others.

Oct. 23. Augustine Jenkins, boatswain of the *Foresight*, by W. Hubbert, surgeon.

Oct. 23. Boatswain, purser, and cook of the *Foresight*, by Aug. Jenkins, boatswain, and John Halstead, cook of the *Foresight.*

Oct. 23. John Halstead, cook of the *Foresight*, by A. Colier, M.D.

Oct. 27. Mich. Taylor, cook of the *Centurion*, by John Lane, minister; Thos. Slightom and Edw. Taylor, churchwardens, and Wm. Stowerton and Anna Stourton, midwife to Margaret, wife of Mich. Taylor.

Oct. 28. [John Pryar,] purser of the *Jersey*, by Wm. Sheldon.

Oct. 28. Hen. Winterborne, gunner of the *Pearl*, by Wm. Sheldon.

Oct. 29. The same, by Wm. Axtell, surgeon.

Nov. 2. The same, by Judith Grosse and 2 others.

Nov. 5. The same, by Capt. W. Hannam.

27 Oct. Abstract of the above certificates, with observations as to their worth, and what further evidence is required. [*Ibid. No.* 218.]

Oct.? Note of the charge against the boatswain, gunner, purser, and cook of the *Jersey*, of being absent. [*Ibid. No.* 219.]

Nov. 3. Thos. Ridgway, purser of the *Centurion*, to Pepys. Whilst I was absent to pass my accounts, I gave our boatswain my victuals to do my duty, but he neglected it; when we were called before the Board, he entreated me not to speak anything of him, or it would be the worse for him, which the gunner of the *Pearl* will justify. I beg for an order to the Clerk of the Cheque that I may be restored to my employment, having been suspended for not doing my duty. I have attended your honours a month at great charge, as I live at Rochester. I have received but 3*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* since I came from the Straits 9 months ago, and shall not have my own or servant's wages

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until I have passed my accounts; besides, 30*l.* was stopped at the pay table of money due from the seamen to me; I have borrowed so long that I do not know what shift to make to maintain my family of eight. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 249, *No.* 220.] *Encloses,*

> *Petition of Thos. Ridgway to the Navy Commissioners, for readmission to his office. Was obliged to attend the office for divers months to pass his* 4 *years' accounts, and agreed with the boatswain to do his duty, for which he gave him all his victuals.* 7 *Oct.* 1668. [*Ibid. No.* 220I.]

Nov.? **Deal.** Lists sent by Mor. Lodge to Williamson of ships in in the Downs, the arrival and departure of the mails, state of the wind, &c., during the month, as follows:—

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				Arrival.	Departure.		
221	Nov. 1	2	82	None	6 p.m.	W.	
222	„ 2	1	—	None	5 p.m.	N.W.	The fleet of 150 merchantmen has sailed, with a fair wind.
223	„ 4	2	1	None	6 p.m.	S.E.	
224	„ 7	2	—	None	5 p.m.	N.E.	
225	„ 9	1	3	None	—	N.W.	A Malaga ship reports from Tangiers that Capt. Rooth ran aground 4 Sally men-of-war, and all are lost.
226	„ 11	2	11	None	5 p.m.	S.W.	
227	„ 13	2	11	None	5 p.m.	S.W.	The weather is stormy, 20 Dutch ships, chiefly men-of-war, are driven in; 12 Spanish men-of-war, bound for Cadiz, have arrived.
228	„ 14	2	12	None	6 p.m.	S.W.	The Dutch and Spanish fleets are still here, but the wind calmer.
229	„ 17	2	20	None	4 p.m.	N.W.	The Dutch and Spanish fleets still in the Downs.
230	„ 18	2	24	None	6 p.m.	N.W.	„ „ „
231	„ 19	—	23	None	4 p.m.	S.W.	„ „ „
232	„ 20	—	29	None	6 p.m.	N.W.	„ „ „
233	„ 21	2	27	None	6 p.m.	S.W.	The *Golden Phoenix* from Hamburg ran ashore on the Goodwin Sands, but was got off with some damage by the Deal men; it blows hard.
234	„ 22	1	2	None	5 p.m.	N.E.	The *Success* is sailing for Tangiers, and the merchant ships gone or going. The *Golden Phoenix* has come in.
235	„ 23	1	5	None	5 p.m.	N.E.	A Spanish ship was ashore, but was helped off by Deal men, and carried several of them away.
236	„ 24	1	2	None	5 p.m.	N.E.	
237	„ 25	1	2	—	5 p.m.	S.W.	
238	„ 27	2	5	None	6 p.m.	S.E.	
239	„ 28	—	5	—	5 p.m.	S.	
240	„ 29	1	11	None	4 p.m.	S.	A Dutch man-of-war arrived as convoy to the others.

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Dec. 1. Bruges. Thos. Blount to John C——, at Sir Mark D'Ognaté's, London. I perceive by a letter from a friend and fellow sufferer in England, that some overtures have been made to him, by command of his Majesty, for the taking of Granger, and that they have some intention of proceeding publicly against him by way of proclamation, if they had but sufficient descriptions of his person for the framing of it. If they proceed this way, they will only frighten him from ever being taken. I am sure no person in England is able to give a proper description of him, nor of his several haunts, but myself; I could take him, but only by ingratiating into him. I beg you to acquaint Sir Mark D'Ognaté that if I can have my liberty, and be allowed to come to England and discourse with the King, the Lord-General, or Lord Arlington, I would give them such satisfaction as would make them of my opinion; if set upon the work, I doubt not of taking him in a very short time. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 1.]

Dec. 1. —— Potticary to ——. Account of various descriptions of canvas at St. Malo. If I can serve you or your friends with any named, command freely. Endorsed, with memorandum and notes of account. [*Ibid. No.* 2.]

Dec. 1. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Bonaventure* and *Milford* are fitting for sea; the swift new ship will soon be ready to be launched; the *Edgar* will be paid off to-morrow. [*Ibid. No.* 3.]

Dec. 1. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. The fleet that left yesterday came in to-day, and also 10 sail of Hamburghers. [*Ibid. No.* 4.]

Dec. 1. Plymouth. John Clarke to Williamson. A Plymouth ship sailed for the West Indies, but was cast away near the Rame head, and all on board perished. A ship from the Canaries and Bordeaux arrived with wines and prunes. [*Ibid. No.* 5.]

Dec. 1. John Clarke to Hickes. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 6.]

Dec. 1. Woolwich. Estimate by Jonas Shish and Edward Byland for the repair of the *Katherine* and *Ann* yachts, cost 138*l.* and 185*l.* [*Ibid. No.* 7.]

Dec. 1. Harwich. Capt. Silas Taylor to the Navy Commissioners. At the sale of the hulk, I publicly declared, before the lighting of the candle, that all was to be paid in money, and that I could not accept bills; Mr. Doddesley confesses that I did so, but says he cannot pay it all in money; he has not paid any as yet. [*Ibid. No.* 8.]

Dec. 1. Victualling Office. Sir Denis Gauden to Pepys. I entreat you to look over the memorial that you took when the draft of the contract was before the Treasury Commissioners, and corrected and amended with the consent of all sides. I think the point as to necessary money in the fair draft does not concur with what was agreed on; I wish the paper enclosed to be considered and agreed on against Monday, as the Attorney-General cannot draw the contract until that be done. [*Ibid. No.* 9.]

Dec. 1. Whitehall. Dispensation for Thomas Norris, High Sheriff of Worcestershire, to repair to Herefordshire and elsewhere, when occasions require. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 75.]

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Deal.

Mor. Lodge to [Williamson]. Has shipped the packet for Sir Robt. Southwell. [*S.P.Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 10.] *Encloses,*

> *Receipt by Rich. Cox, Master of the* Concord, *for a packet directed to Sir Robt. Southwell at Lisbon. Nov.* 28, 1668. [*Ibid. No.* 10I.]

Dec. 2.
Lyme.

Ant. Thorold to James Hickes. Hears from St. Lucar that they still refuse any commerce with Rouen, or those parts, on account of the sickness, which yet reigns in a great measure with them. A frigate has been launched at Brest to carry 120 guns, and another is ready to come off the stocks of larger dimensions. The Dutch are much dissatisfied at their payment of tonnage, and resolve to break with them [the French] if they continue that imposition. The *Hart* has come in from Barbadoes, as also the *Prosperous* from Morlaix. [*Ibid. No.* 11.]

Dec. 2.
Falmouth.

Thos. Holden to Williamson. Arrival of the *Francis* from St. Lucar with wines and salt, and the *William and Ann* from Bordeaux with wines. The merchantmen bound for France still continue in port. [*Ibid. No.* 12.]

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Milford.

John Powell to James Hickes. An Irish vessel laden with salmon, butter and hides, bound for Bilbao, put in here by contrary winds. A vessel for the Barbadoes lies here waiting a wind. [*Ibid. No.* 13.]

Dec. 2.

Examination of Robt. Everard, taken before the Lord Keeper and Lord Arlington. Was employed by a man whose name he does not know, to carry a paper, containing queries about Ireland, to Redman, a printer; brought back all the copies to the man, meeting him at a tavern by appointment, and thought it was for the King's service; had not much for his pains. Was in Cromwell's army. [*Ibid. No.* 14.]

Dec. 3.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Edgar's* seamen have been paid off. Wednesday next is designed for the launch of the new ship; 3 vessels from Bordeaux have put into Spithead for shelter. We hear of wrecks at the back of the Isle of Wight. With postscript in another hand that a Swede from Stockholm came on shore, but great care was taken to save her lading of deals. [*Ibid. No.* 15.]

Dec. 3.

J. Hervey to Williamson. This is the copy of a letter Mrs. Gage desires, and Lord [Arlington] consents should be renewed to the present Governor of Flanders. [*Ibid. No.* 16.]

Dec. 3.

Notice from the Royal Company to Williamson, of a meeting of the Court of Assistants to be held at Whitehall Dec. 4. [*Printed. Ibid. No.* 17.]

Dec. 3.

Commission for Charles, Earl of Carlisle, and Edward, Lord Morpeth, to be Lieutenants for Cumberland and Westmoreland, with power to each to act apart during the absence of the other beyond seas. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 91.]

Dec. 3.
Chatham.

John Moore and Edward Moorcock to the Navy Commissioners. We have discharged and paid all our men to 20, and brought the

Golden Hand to the old dock, where she is caulking under water. We have swept the river, and taken up a Dutch anchor of 1,000 lbs. weight, and an English one of 30 or 40 cwt., which will be delivered into the stores. Pray order the victualling of the 20 men, and fish instead of oatmeal, as the men would not eat it. Also imprest some money on Mr. Gregory for this service.

When we brought the last wreck on shore, one of the riggers in the service was drunk and very abusive, and discouraged the workmen; as nothing would keep him quiet, one of us was obliged to use his cane, for which the man has since entered his action at law. We hope we may not be vexed with suits at law, when we act only for the promotion of his Majesty's affairs. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 18.]

Dec. 3. Chatham. Christopher Ously and Nich. Weymouth to the Navy Commissioners. The *Macklier* and *Black Posthorse* are ready to sail. [*Ibid. No.* 19.]

Dec. 4. Plymouth. John Clarke to Williamson. Several Spanish ships are in port ready to sail, also one with 500 soldiers bound to Ostend. I am informed by a ship from the Canaries that there are 1,000 soldiers in those islands, ready to be shipped for the Netherlands; 4 or 5 vessels have sailed to the westward. [*Ibid. No.* 20.]

Dec. 4. Ann Lady Fanshaw to Williamson. Pray remind Lord Arlington of a letter I sent him, and procure me a speedy despatch thereon, which will be a great comfort to me, until I can receive the effects of my petition. I would have waited on his lordship, but am ashamed to show myself, having a swelled face through the toothache. Endorsed [by Williamson] "her 2,000*l.* from the King." [*Ibid. No.* 21.]

Dec. 4. Roger Greene to Williamson. I beg your influence for a warder's place void in the Tower, and in the gift of Sir John Robinson. It is only 30*l.* a year, and may cost some money to get, yet I shall be very thankful for it. [*Ibid. No.* 22.]

Dec. 4. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. Departure of the English and Dutch fleet, and the Spaniards and Hamburghers. Only 3 merchant ships remain in the Downs. [*Ibid. No.* 23.]

Dec. 4. Draft of a clause agreed upon by the Trustees [for the management of the Lottery] to be added to their patent, admitting to its benefits those who were first elected by the officers for managing the grant, and those reformed officers now riding in the Horse Guards. [*Ibid. No.* 24. *This clause was added in Feb.* 1669 *to the patent of Aug.* 1668.]

Dec. 4. Patent appointing Sir John Trevor one of the King's principal Secretaries of State, with a salary of 100*l.* a year for life. [*Latin. Case C., Charles II., No.* 11.]

Dec. 4. Grant to Edm. Nuboult, M.A., for life, of the place of the free school of Berkhampstead, void by resignation. [*Docquet, Vol.* 23, *No.* 293.]

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Dec. 4. Lord Arlington to Lord-General the Duke of Albemarle. The King wishes you to order the 24 Protestant officers of horse and foot who came from Portugal to be received into the 8 troops of his Majesty's regiment of horse, under the Earl of Oxford, 3 in each troop. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 20, *p.* 195.]

Dec. ? List of 11 Roman Catholic officers who served in Portugal, but have now returned, and because of their religion, are incapable of service. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 25.]

Dec. ? List of officers, late of the Marquis of Schomberg's regiment of horse, in Portugal. Endorsed "Portugal Officers, Protestants." [*Ibid. No.* 26.]

Dec. 4. Whitehall. Reference to the Judge of the Admiralty of the petition of Antonio Basso, late commander of the *Abraham's Sacrifice* of Genoa. The petitioner sailing with the Duke of York's passport, March 13, 1667, his lading belonging only to Italians and Spaniards, his ship was yet seized by the King's ships, brought into Ireland, condemned as prize, and the goods sold at a fifth of their value. On appeal of the Republic of Genoa, the King consented that the case should be re-heard, and the remaining goods secured, and he prays that attestations from merchants and factors abroad may be admitted, instead of proofs. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 18, *f.* 343.]

Dec. 5. Whitehall. Petition of Arthur, Earl of Anglesey, to the King, to know in what manner he shall give better satisfaction in his accounts, whether to his Majesty in person, or to his Commissioners. Finds that he is under his Majesty's displeasure for suspicion of great miscarriages in the management of the revenue as Treasurer-at-War in Ireland; and that, until better satisfaction, he is not to be trusted with the Navy treasure. With answer thereon that the Commissioners are still sitting on the accounts of Ireland, and that the King will be glad to hear that the petitioner has given them satisfaction. [*Ibid. f.* 345.]

Dec. 5. Licence for Fras. Rogers, High Sheriff of Somersetshire, to live out of his county. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, *f.* 15.]

Dec. 5. Caveat in favour of Sir Gilbert Talbot, that nothing pass of John Coliton's estate, forfeited for killing ——— Yeomans. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 32, *p.* 3.]

Dec. 5. Four receipts by James Sharland, of the *Mary* yacht, for printed tickets, and a book of 4 sheets, from William Sarsfield, purser of the *Harp*, 8 Aug. and 28 Oct. 1667, 6 April and 5 Dec. 1668. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *Nos.* 27–30.]

Dec. 5. Lyme. Ant. Thorold to Hickes. The *Hart* from Barbadoes reports that half of Bridge Town is rebuilt. She had the company of Captains Cope and Collier of London for a month or more in her passage, and parted from them well. A vessel of Topsham has put in through the storms. [*Ibid. No.* 31.]

Dec. 6. Portsmouth. Capt. Ant. Deane to Williamson. Have Mr. Castell's letters which I sent you arrived? It will be of ill-consequence to him if they miscarry. Castell has sent another to me, with a sketch of the whole harbour of Brest, but it being only scrawled with a pen, although

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set by the compass, he desired it might not be sent to you until his return, when he would explain everything; however, I will make a copy of it, which you can show to the King and Lord Arlington. I will send his letter, if desired, there being something in it which may put a stop to the French fitting of naval stores, they having all their coals from England, or else they could make few anchors, of which they have great want. Do not fail of giving Castell credit to Rob. Long or some other person, as he can do little without it; and let his [wife] be supplied as she may want, of which I will give you notice. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ *pages.* *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 32.]

Dec. 6. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The launch of the new ship, the *Nonsuch* frigate, built for swift sailing, is put off, the winter not being the proper season for a trial of her sailing powers; the *Milford*, which is to join her, will be fitted for sea in the meantime. [*Ibid. No.* 33.]

Dec. 6. Milford. John Powell to James Hickes. Has no news of any kind. [*Ibid. No.* 34.]

Dec. 6. Rochester. John Conny to Williamson. A fire has broken out in his Majesty's ship *Defiance*, a third-rate, and is burning beyond hope of recovery. There are store of hands and help to save the other ships. [*Ibid. No.* 35.]

Dec. 7. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. Capt. Andrews, bound for the East Indies, and Vice-Admiral Goodson for Virginia, are still in the Downs, and about 12 merchant ships. [*Ibid. No.* 36.]

Dec. 7. Whitehall. Reference to the Bishop of Hereford of the petition of John Machon, master of Sherburn Hospital, that the King would require the Bishop of Lichfield to give him leave to resign to his son Thomas Wellington prebend in Lichfield Cathedral, and St. John Baptist's Hospital without the city, having spent above 40*l.* in repairing the hospital chapel. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 18, *f.* 346.]

Dec. 7. Whitehall. The King to the Mayor, aldermen, and justices of peace of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Several numerous public meetings, under pretence of religious worship, have lately been held in the town, in a riotous manner, contrary to law. We require you to hinder the same by executing the laws, and to give an account of your proceedings therein. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 78.]

Dec. 7. Whitehall. Warrant to Prince Rupert, Constable of Windsor Castle, to deliver up [Hen. Martin], prisoner there, to be conveyed to Chepstow Castle. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 37.]

Dec. 7. Blank warrant to receive Hen. Martin, and convey him safe prisoner to Chepstow Castle. [*Ibid. No.* 38.]

Dec. 7. Whitehall. Warrant to Sir Geoffry Shakerly, Governor of Chester Castle, to receive Hen. Martin and keep him close prisoner in Chester Castle till further orders. [The orders for Martin's removal were first to Chester Castle, and afterwards altered to Chepstow.] [*Ibid. No.* 39.]

Dec. 7. Entry of the above 3 orders. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 92.]

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Dec. 7. Three similar warrants for delivering, conveying, and receiving [Wm.] Heveningham, now prisoner in Windsor Castle, to Chester. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *Nos.* 40–42. *See Calendar* 1667, *p.* 465.]

Dec. 7. Minutes of the above 3 warrants. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 92.]

[Dec. 7.] Note of the above warrants for removal of M[artin] and Heveningham. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 43.]

Dec. 7. Warrant to commit John Darby to the Gatehouse, for printing "The Sandy Foundation Shaken." Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 92.]

Dec. 7. Chatham. John Moore and Edw. Moorcock to Thos. Hayter. Ask that their bill for 20*l.* may be sent down at once. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 44.]

Dec. 7. Victualling Office. Sir Denis Gauden to the Navy Commissioners. I cannot obtain letters of credit for Leghorn and Cadiz, without engaging to pay the like value in London, whether there be occasion for it or not; as the merchants cannot draw on their factors whilst those credits are in being, lest they should frustrate the credits. I hope no further will be expected from me than to provide bills of exchange for the supply of the fleet with so much as may fully answer in lieu of beer, or what else shall not be sent from hence. If Clutterbuck shall supply them at Leghorn, beyond what he has of his Majesty's in store, I shall pay for it in such manner as you direct.

With note, Oct. 10, that Sir Denis Gauden and Mr. Clutterbuck acquainted the Board that an agreement had been come to between them, so that the King was to depend on Sir Denis Gauden alone for this supply. The terms of their agreement were that Sir Wm. Penn should be umpire between them of the price Mr. Clutterbuck should receive of Sir Denis Gauden; no mention was made of what Gauden was to receive of the King, but the presumption on all sides was that it is to be done upon the price of the new contract, though it be not sealed. [1¼ *pages. Ibid. No.* 45.]

Dec. 8. Whitehall. Sir George Downing to the Navy Commissioners. The Treasury Commissioners desire to speak with you on Monday about Sir Denis Gauden's Lent account. [*Ibid. No.* 46.]

Dec. 8. The *Harp*, Kinsale. Capt. Rob. Hooper to the Navy Commissioners. Arrived at Kinsale on the 4th instant, and desires further orders. [*Ibid. No.* 47.]

Dec. 8. Robert Coytmore to Thos. Hayter. Desires an order to the victualler for receiving the remains of provisions belonging to the *Antelope*, which have been put on board a hoy, and refused at Deptford. [*Ibid. No.* 48.]

Dec. 8. W. Castell to the Navy Commissioners. Cannot get a certificate from Mr. Cheek, the Duke of York's Proctor, of the condemnation of the *Delph*, so as to make her a free ship, as she is not yet condemned, and therefore cannot make her free. Is much concerned to

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have this done, having sold her, and she being ready to take in goods, which she cannot until freed, without paying strangers' customs. Desires them to expedite the condemnation. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 49.]

Dec. 8. M. Wren to Sam. Pepys. Has spoken to Sir Thos. Bond concerning the ketch for carrying over the Queen Mother's goods, and they are all ready for her. The ketch must be a large one and have a large hatchway for receiving coaches, and not draw above 10 feet of water. [*Ibid. No.* 50.]

Dec. 8. Frances Lamarre, widow, to Lord Arlington. Being in great distress, I beg the nomination of a person to be recommended by me, for a land waiter's place in the Custom House, London, where several are turned out of their places; I may thus get something from him to supply my wants, and those of my infant. [*Ibid. No.* 51.]

Dec. 8. Wm. Dugdale to Williamson. I have spoken to the most ancient of the six clerks about the business, and he affirms that the Prothonotary in Chancery is to enrol those treaties and leagues, it having been the ancient usuage of his predecessors so to do. Mr. Pescod is the present Prothonotary, and lodges in Inner Temple Lane. Pray send a letter enclosed to Mr. Fleming by the next packet to Cockermouth. [*Ibid. No.* 52.]

Dec. 8. Smyrna. Earl of Castlemaine to Lord [Arlington]. This barbarous region affords little news. I am sailing for Constantinople, but will hasten to Jerusalem, and hope to be back in Italy in 6 months. [*Ibid. No.* 53.]

Dec. 8. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. One vessel from France has arrived, but her lading is not known yet; begs to be excused writing to Williamson this post. [*Ibid. No.* 54.]

Dec. 8. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Hickes. The fleet of merchantmen has put to sea; the *Concord* of London, bound for Calais, came in, but has since sailed with a fair wind. [*Ibid. No.* 55.]

Dec. 8. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. A Yarmouth ship, laden with herrings, sprang a leak, and came in to be repaired; the *Roebuck* has arrived at Spithead from Ireland. [*Ibid. No.* 56.]

Dec. 8. Grant to Eustace Burneby, for 14 years, of the sole use of his new invention of making and working hemp, commonly called steel hemp. [*Docquet, Vol.* 23, *No.* 295.]

Dec. 9. Suffolk Street. Herbert, Bishop of Hereford, to [Lord Arlington]. The bearer, Dr. Gillingham, will bring a petition which I suppose will be remitted to me. The business is very fit, and founded on much reason and charity, but I will inquire further into it, and give you and the Lord Keeper full satisfaction. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 57.]

Dec. 9. Whitehall. Petition of Geo. Gillingham, D.D., rector of Chalton, co. Hants, to the King, to accept his resignation of the said living, and bestow it upon his son-in-law, Dr. Edmund Barker. Recovered the living,

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with 2 others adjacent, to the Crown, at considerable cost and trouble, and for his service therein, was promised the nomination of his successor by the late King, whose chaplain he was. With reference thereon to the Bishop of Hereford, and his report in favour of the petition, knowing the extraordinary merit of the petitioner in the late troublesome times, wherein he expressed singular piety and loyalty, which has not in any way been rewarded, and with what difficulty and charge he recovered the King's right to the rectory, from the hands of a powerful adversary. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *Nos.* 58, 59.]

Dec. 9. Whitehall. Entry of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 18, *f.* 34.]

[Dec. 9.] Petition of Sir James Clavering, Bart., to the King, for licence to enclose 300 acres of his own land, lying about his house called White House, Durham, for park and free warren, which when done will be some credit to the country, and convenience to himself. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 60.]

[Dec. 9.] Order for a licence accordingly for the enclosure, for deer and other wild beasts. [*Ibid. No.* 61.]

Dec. 9. Entry of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 92.]

Dec. 9. Licences for Sir John James, High Sheriff of Essex, and Henry Mildmay, High Sheriff of Hampshire, to live out of their counties. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, *f.* 16.]

Dec. 9. Whitehall. Notice for the Duke of York and 10 others to attend the King to-morrow, at Lord Arlington's lodgings at Whitehall, at 9 a.m. [*S.P.Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 62.]

Dec. 9? Names of six deputy-lieutenants for the county of Wiltshire, signed by the Earl of Essex. [*Ibid. No.* 63.]

[Dec. 9.] Wednesday noon. John Dodington to Williamson. I pray that if any reference is made on Hart's petition about incontinency, it may be to Lords Arlington, Sandwich, Carlisle, and Holles, but not to any Bishops or Churchmen, as that will be to put us in a worse condition than we were before. Rather than that should happen, we would withdraw the petition. I spoke to Lord Arlington and Sir Thos. Littleton, and we settled that affair of Sweden, so I am resolved on it, and pray your assistance in it. Endorsed, "Dec. 9, Mr. Hart's pardon." [*Ibid. No.* 64.]

Dec. 9. Dover. Dr. Sam. Hinde and Jo. Carlile to Williamson. We wish the King to know the distracted state of our town and port. Should any visitors be sent to Dover, they would find us, as Cicero did the tomb of Archimedes, overgrown with thorns and nettles. We are overrun with schism and faction, apparelled in several shapes, and publicly owned under several names and notions. The bellwethers of the faction, besides those of the Quakers and Anabaptists, are Nath. Barri—a person proscribed the town by Act of Parliament, yet a constant resident in it—who holds forth every Sunday;

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also Nicols and Stiliard, who, contrary to the laws of the land, are the public disturbers of the peace, and seducers of his Majesty's subjects. The places of their seditious and unlawful meetings are many, but since his Majesty's employment has slackened at the Victual Office built by Sir Denis Gauden, it is in the possession of Edward Wivel, who permits their sordid conventicles to be publicly kept there in his Majesty's office. They likewise often meet at the house of Ant. Johnson, a Dutchman, but of late these frogs have crept into the King's chamber, by Wivel's permission and connivance. The place was originally called *Maison de Dieu*, but now his Majesty's Victualling Office is seated there. Wivel is a person that has abandoned the Church, and is a constant encourager of any profession but what, in piety and allegiance, he stands bound to support. A perfect Pentheus, *sapiens in omnibus præterquam in ijs in quibus sapientem esse convenit.* Milford, his servant, is a great holder forth also. We desire that a seasonable stop may be put to the insolence of the persons named. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 65.]

Dec. 9. London. James Hickes to Williamson. I am not able to wait upon you, as desired, from a cold and indisposition, but hope Mr. Ellis's late discourse with you will prevail, and induce you to move Lord Arlington to have an eye, and take care to preserve his interest at the Letter Office, which is in some danger by the actions of Sir John [Bennet]. [*Ibid. No.* 66.]

Dec. 9. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Hickes. The *Prosperous* of London has arrived, laden with pitch and tar. There is a report that a Falmouth vessel, laden with pilchards, has been taken by the Turks, and that we have had a skirmish with the French in the Straits. [*Ibid. No.* 67.]

Dec. 9. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect as the preceding and his letter to Hickes of the 7th instant. [*Ibid. No.* 68.]

Dec. 9. Weymouth. John Pocock to Hickes. The *Dorothy* from Malaga stopped at Tangiers, exchanged guns, and had Capt. Mordant sent on board with the King's packet, who is gone to London with it. Taffaletta is resolved not to have peace with any Christian prince by land, and is coming down with his army to besiege Tangiers. Since the destruction of the 6 Sally men-of-war, the 2 that were left have taken a small English ketch. [*Ibid. No.* 69.]

Dec. 9. Yarmouth. Rich. Bower to Williamson. A copy of my letter of 9 Oct. has been sent from Lord Townshend, with an order to the bailiffs for the 2 ministers and Bridge to appear before his lordship tomorrow, at Norwich. The bailiffs met to consult, and sent for the 2 ministers; while they were discoursing, Thos. Lucas, an eminent merchant and bailiff in Oliver's time, entered, and demanded what they were doing, saying, "What! are you persecuting Paul, and will you do this now the King and Council are setting about a sufferance?" Upon which Spendlow asked if it were so; he replied he had heard so.

Abra. Castle, junior, and John Robbins, both young men, have been received into the Common Council without abjuring the Covenant; it was never tendered until this order came, and now the bailiffs have sent for them to do so, which they obstinately deny. Capt. Thos. Ravens, another of the Common Council, who kept the greatest conventicles in the town at his own house, is put in a great fright. The whole town is much nettled at the order; James Johnson and Rich. Huntingdon have taken coach to wait upon Lord Townshend, and will use all endeavours, without doubt, to take up the business. Here are several strange persuasions used to make the people believe a toleration will be granted, as that Mr. Manton, Dr. Bates, and Dr. Jaguer had been with his Majesty, to give him thanks for his indulgence, which the King took very kindly. I conceive these to be stratagems of their own invention, to keep their members from falling off, and to gain more disciples.

Three ships have been cast away to the northward, but a vessel coming that way picked up 7 or 8 of their men upon a piece of wreck. Several vessels have arrived from Bordeaux, &c., and one from Stockholm reports that he saw 14 sail, mostly Dutch, perish upon the rocks off Burnt Zoam, within the Sound. I want the *Gazette.* [1½ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 70.]

Dec. 10. Harwich. Capt. Silas Taylor to the Navy Commissioners. Mr. Doddesley came and signed the contract for the hulk, and to pay the money half on 28 Dec., half on 28 Feb. Gave him time, because his bargain is none of the best, and also to leave him inexcusable if he do not perform. [*Ibid. No.* 71.]

Dec. 10. Deal. B. St. Michel, muster master, to the Navy Commissioners. Asks the complement of men to be borne on the *Roebuck;* on mustering her in the Downs, found 41, one above the number. Told Capt. Liddell this, and that the *Drake,* which was of the same rate, had but 40, when he produced a letter from their Honours, of 29 Feb. 1668, to enter 50, and said it was the last order he had received from anybody. [*Ibid. No.* 72.]

Dec. 10. John Moorhouse to [the Navy Commissioners]. Asks for a bill of imprest for 300*l.*, due for land and water carriage of timber from Aliceholt and Whittlewood Forests, that he may not stain his credit with the [men], as his predecessors have done, or he shall never be trusted more by them. [*Ibid. No.* 73.]

Dec. 10. Warrant to pay to the Earl of Sandwich, Master of the Great Wardrobe, 12,000*l.* on account for the half-year ending Lady Day next, 2,000*l.* of which is to be assigned by Wm. Legg out of the sum assigned to him on the Royal aid, registered in the name of George Cock, remaining on a further sum yet undisposed of. [*Docquet, Vol.* 23, *No.* 296.]

Dec. 10. Whitehall. Petition of the Bailiffs, &c., of Kingston-upon-Thames to the King, for a grant of the rectory of Dunton, Bucks, with the vicarage of Kingston-upon-Thames, above 30 miles distant, to Thos. Willis, M.A., chaplain to his Majesty. Have been without a minister for 10 months, through a dispute between the Countess of Dysart and John Ramsey as to who should present to the vicarage, whereby the disaffected assemble in their unlawful meetings. Have chosen

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Thos. Willis, M.A., Chaplain in Ordinary, who holds the rectory of Dunton, *alias* Dinton, co. Bucks, and he has been also presented to the vicarage by the Countess of Dysart. With reference thereon to the Bishop of Hereford. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 74.]

Dec. 10. Entry of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 18, *f.* 347.]

Dec. 10. Reference to the Treasury Commissioners of the petition of Peregrine Clarke, for the King's right to a small tenement in Middlesex, in which his Majesty, at request of Sir Wm. Doyley, inclines to gratify the petitioner. [*Ibid.*]

Dec. 10. Reference to the Treasury Commissioners of the petition of Sir Hugh Wyndham, for a Customer's place at Bridgewater. [*Ibid. p.* 348.]

Dec. 10. Milford. John Powell to Hickes. There is no shipping whatever in the harbour. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 75.]

Dec. 10. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Roebuck* is to remain in the Downs until further orders; a Swedish ship bound for Bristol has been cast away at the back of the Isle of Wight. [*Ibid. No.* 76.]

Dec. 10. Cockpit. Ann, Duchess of Albemarle, to Lord Arlington. I request, in behalf of the Earl of Dover's daughter, that her husband, a prisoner in Windsor Castle, may not be removed, as ordered, to Chester, which would be to her utter ruin, but to a nearer prison. Endorsed, "In favour of Mr. Heveningham." [*Ibid. No.* 77.]

Dec. 10. Earl of Bristol to Lord Arlington. I am much concerned at the affliction of my kinswoman, Lady Mary Heveningham, about a warrant for removal of her husband from Windsor to Chester. I beg your influence for him to remain where he is, or to remove to a less inconvenient place. [*Ibid. No.* 78.]

Dec. 10. Gatehouse. Col. Blethero Morgan to the Duke of Albemarle. I am imprisoned on the Spanish Ambassador's account, but it being the King's will, I am as well pleased as if sent to a palace of pleasures; I hope the Ambassador will not thereby be acquitted of the debt he owes me; I beg not favour, but common justice. [*Ibid. No.* 79.]

Dec. 10. Gatehouse. Same to the Lord Keeper. To similar effect; I submit entirely to your lordship's justice; I am a prisoner for demanding my own in a legal way, wishing to pay off the persons to whom I am engaged on the Ambassador's account. [*Ibid. No.* 80.]

Dec. 11. Gatehouse Prison. Same to Williamson. Understanding that my business as to being discharged out of prison has been referred to Lord Arlington, upon the motion of the Lord Keeper, having always found you courteous and civil, I beg you to do all you can for my enlargement. [*Ibid. No.* 81.]

Dec. 11. Edw. Colman to Williamson. Being anxious to go abroad, and there being an Embassy designed for Venice, I intreat you, if the King

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shall think fit to send a secretary to that Embassy, to procure the appointment for me, or that of secretary to the Ambassador; I will give you 100 pieces, or any other sum you shall judge grateful and handsome. [2 *pages*. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 82.]

Dec. 11. Ann, Lady Fanshaw, to Williamson. Lord Arlington thinking it is not a convenient time to move the King for payment of the money I have petitioned him for, I desire you will procure my petition from Lord Arlington, with his answer upon it. [*Ibid. No.* 83.]

Dec. 11. Plymouth. John Clarke to Williamson. Has no news of any kind. [*Ibid. No.* 84.]

Dec. 11. John Clarke to Hickes. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 85.]

Dec. 11. James Hayes to Williamson. I beg to remind you of Lord Arlington's request to be reminded, at the sitting of the Council, of the petition of Sir Rob. Vyner and others, concerning the *Hardereen* pink; it is his lordship's concern as much as that of the petitioners. [*Ibid. No.* 86.]

Dec. 11. Dispensation to Thos. Willis, M.A., to hold the vicarage of Kingston, co. Surrey, and the rectory of Dinton, co. Bucks. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 19, *p.* 91.]

Dec. 11. Presentation of Dr. Edm. Barker to the rectory of Chalton, co. Hants, void by resignation of Dr. George Gillingham. Minute. [*Ibid. p.* 91.]

Dec. Docquet of the above, dated Dec. 18. [*Docquet, Vol.* 23, *No.* 300]

Dec. 12. Grant to Thomas and John Williams, in reversion after Thos. Wiseman, of the office of Assay of Tin, cos. Devon and Cornwall, salary 200*l.* a year. [*Docquet, Vol.* 23, *No.* 297.]

Dec. 12. Harwich. Capt. Silas Taylor to the Navy Commissioners. Mr. Browne remembers that a vessel or two came laden from Sherwood, but refers to the books, which are at London, for the whole account; has ordered a search, and hopes they will receive satisfaction. Has been careful in relation to the hulk and muster boat, and to the securing the storehouses, quays, and wharfs with clay, &c. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 87.]

Dec. 12. Somerset House. Thos. Bond to Pepys. Sends the master of the vessel that is to carry the Queen [Mother's] goods to Rouen, and desires him to order her to be ready as soon as he can. With note of the following contract. [*Ibid. No.* 88.] *Encloses,*

> *Contract by Raphael Coles, master of the* King David *galliot, to carry what goods of the Queen Mother shall be directed by Sir Thos. Bond, to Rouen, for* 60*l.*—12 *Dec.* 1668. [*Damaged. Ibid. No.* 88I.]

Dec. 12. Warrant to John Warburton, messenger, to take Wm. Penn into custody, and convey him to the Tower. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 93.]

Dec. 12. Warrant to Sir John Robinson to receive him and keep him close prisoner, for composing the book called "The Sandy Foundation Shaken." Minute. [*Ibid.*]

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Dec. 12. Warrant to the Recorder of London, and the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, for reprieve of Roger Carr, condemned at the Old Bailey Sessions for clipping, filing, and coining. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 28, *f.* 19.]

Dec. 12. Milford. John Powell to Hickes. Has no news; desires his favour in forwarding the enclosed. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 89.]

Dec. 12. John Powell to Williamson. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 90.]

Dec. 12. Lyme. Ant. Thorold to Hickes. The *Charity* of London has arrived from Malaga with fruit. She had the company of several Londoners and others for Bristol, and after parting, met with 5 Turkish men-of-war, who inquired what she was, but did not molest her. They speak of the greatness of Taffaletta, and the nobleness of his disposition beyond any that ever reigned there before him.

The *Jane* from Morlaix, and the *Mayflower* from Croisic, confirm the launching of the great ship at Brest, the taking off the tonnage from the English, and the Dutch threatening the [French] with a war if it is not taken off from them. [*Ibid. No.* 91.]

Dec. 13. Hull. Charles Whittington to Williamson. Particulars of the departure of ships; 3 light vessels, bound for Newcastle, have been driven on shore at the Humber's mouth, two of which are broken in pieces, and the third is much feared for. [*Ibid. No.* 92.]

Dec. 13. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *John Bonadventure* has come in to Spithead from the Canaries; the *Milford* was launched out of the dry dock, and in a few days the *Nonsuch* will be off the stocks. [*Ibid. No.* 93.]

Dec. 14. *Adam and Eve*, Stockwith. John Huntington to the Navy Commissioners. Has returned from Hull, and requests orders for the repair of his sails, damaged by the foul weather. [*Ibid. No.* 94.]

Dec. 14. The *Roebuck*, Downs. Capt. George Liddell to the Navy Commissioners. Has never received order to bear less than 50 men. At the last victualling, being victualled but for 40, and bound for so dangerous a coast as Ireland, thought good to carry a full complement, and discharged them as they became disabled; in the last muster in the Downs, had but 3 or 4 above the number, which shall be discharged according to orders. [*Ibid. No.* 95.]

Dec. 14. Yarmouth. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Mr. Spendlow, the minister, went to Lord Townshend at Norwich, to answer to the things complained of in my former letters; but, being much troubled by the death of his child the night before, he was very sparing in delivering his knowledge; he had been startled at Thos. Lucas's expressions that his Majesty and Council were setting about a sufferance. He now repents that he was so gentle to them, finding them so uncivil in their threats.

The Presbyterian party, who are always ready to side with the Independents, are offended at the complaints made, and say they ought to have been first made to the magistrates of the town; but this is only to excuse themselves of the neglect of their duty, as these things have been discoursed at their tables. Besides, they well know that Bridge resides at Yarmouth, and is daily teaching, contrary to the Act which forbids his residing within 5 miles of the town. The 2 sects act as brethren in trying to subvert the Government.

After the house here was purged of all the Independent faction in 1660–61, Sir Thos. Meadows and Arthur Bacon were chosen bailiffs; the Independents' meeting-place was then in the chancel of the church, where some thousands of them met; Sir Thos. Meadows put them by, and locked up the doors; they were much exasperated, and sought all ways to defame him. The Government continued in his hands, and those of his principles, until the end of 1665, in all which time the laws against Nonconformists were by them put in execution, insomuch that there was not a private meeting but what was by stealth, and if discovered, they were prosecuted; so that a great many of Bridge's members came to church, and the rest durst not open their mouths against the Government, or report such notorious lies as now fly about. Had those who followed them discharged their duty, all would have been in a happy condition by this time, but in 1665 and 1666, the Presbyterians, with the assistance of the other, got the Government into their hands, and have kept it. Then the Nonconformists forsook the Church, and the turbulent spirits, who left the town in the time of Sir Thos. Meadows, have returned; their meetings are public, their numbers increased, and no notice is taken of it.

They next send Sam. Shipdham, a member of Bridge's congregation, to the Presbyterians interested in the Government, for charity towards the relief of the ejected ministers, which gives the Inpendents, upon their so free and general contribution, such satisfaction, that Bridge is immediately sent for to town, when they flock together in great numbers, and meet publicly in the face of authority; they say such things are winked at under the King's nose. All who oppose them suffer in trade or reputation for it.

I am informed that not one half of the Aldermen and Common Council have received the sacrament, and that since 1666, several have been taken into the House suspected not to have renounced the Covenant, as the magistrates would not put them upon it on their admission. John Woodroff, the head bailiff, moved for omission from the bailiff's oath of the words, "That you shall keep secret the King's counsel," and "you shall govern by law and reason"; also that All Saints' Day, Twelfth Day, and the Coronation Day, be left off from being Scarlet days. He is the grandee of the Presbyterian party, and has much influence, being the only one in the town that lets out money, not only of his own, but of others, so that he supplies all men's occasions when they want, upon good security. I am threatened to be spoilt in my trade for giving a knowledge of these things; no interest can stand if the party complies not with them, so I must expect to suffer for what is done. [2 *pages*. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 96.]

Dec. 14. Lyme. Ant. Thorold to Hickes. The *Prosperous* and *Lily Rose*, from Morlaix, report that they still continue the building of great ships at Brest, having 2 of 100 guns upon the stocks, and many hands at work. The tonnage master at Morlaix has orders only to receive that duty till the end of December. [*Ibid. No.* 97.]

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Dec. 14. Weymouth. John Pocock to Hickes. A vessel from Bordeaux reports that the whole discourse of the French is of war with Holland. Another from Cadiz has arrived, bringing the captain of the *Providence* frigate, which was lost at Tangiers; he says the Algiers men-of-war have plundered several English ships since Sir Thos. Allin left. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 250, *No.* 98.]

Dec. 14. Pendennis. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. Several vessels have come in from Malaga, &c., with fruit and wine; 3 have been cast away between the Lizard and the Mount, one Dutch, and 2 French. [*Ibid. No.* 99.]

Dec. 14. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. The *Joseph* of Amsterdam, from Malaga, reports that she came out with 40 or 50 sail, and was near being cast away upon the Lizard, as one of her company was. A Frenchman of 11 guns, and another, are reported to have been lost at the same place. [*Ibid. No.* 100.]

Dec. 14. London. Levant Company to Sir Dan. Harvey. We congratulate your arrival at Smyrna. We do not think it well to press free trade for English ships to Alexandria, without Avanias; the trade is of small consequence, giving little vent for the sale of native commodities, and the place subject to frequent Avanias and disasters, which we find, from sad experience, fall by some pretence on us.

We renew our request that you will attend to the orders about suppression of false moneys, a large quantity being imported by the ships; all English ships importing those moneys into Turkey are not to be allowed to relade there; the money is to be weighed on arrival at Smyrna, and the ministers of state informed of the King's dislike to the injury done to his subjects by the use of such moneys; they hinder the import of English goods, which are of much importance to the Turkish empire. We hope the Earl of Winchelsea will not be detained, owing to the Grand Seignior's absence, but receive his dismission from the Caimachan. [*S.P. Foreign, Levant Company* 5, *pp.* 204–6.]

Dec. 14. London. Levant Company to the Consul at Smyrna. Complain of the continued import of false moneys. Repeat the directions of the preceding letter thereon. [*Ibid. p.* 207.]

Dec. 14. London. Levant Company to the Consul at Aleppo. Similar directions for preventing the further import of false moneys. [*Ibid. p.* 208.]

Dec. 14. London. Levant Company to Tho. Dethick and Ephraim Skinner. Approve their execution of orders in shipping for Wm. Hedges at Constantinople the two cases received from Genoa and Venice. [*Ibid.*]

Dec. 14. Whitehall. Warrant to the keepers of the records in the Tower, Exchequer, the Rolls, &c., and to the auditor of Hampshire, to allow Lord St. John to examine and peruse all records relating to the New Forest, of which he is warden. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *p.* 77.]

Dec. 14. Grant to George, Viscount Grandison, and Edw. Villiers of 4,700*l.* a year out of the Post Office. [*Docquet, Vol.* 23, *No.* 298.]

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Warrant to pay to Isaac Meynell, goldsmith, 5,000*l.*, with interest at 6 per cent. from 17 June last, out of the hearth revenue, cancelling orders to Sir George Carteret to pay the same from the Poll money. [*Docquet, Vol.* 23, *No.* 298.]

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Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. There are about 38 sail of English and Dutch ships in the Downs. The great news in the country is that Parliament is prorogued, not adjourned to 19 October. It is reported that Penn, the Quakers' Saint, has been taken up; he is devilishly cried up among that poor, sullen faction. Many people in our town will be miserable if their tickets for 1666–7 are not paid quickly, without bribe. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 101.]

Dec. 15.
Plymouth.

John Clarke to Williamson. Two ships have arrived from France; a Dutchman laden with wine and fruit has been cast away at the Lizard, and only the men saved; 2 French bankers have been lost off Mount's Bay. [*Ibid. No.* 102.]

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Essex House.

Chr. Cratford to Viscount Conway, Ragley, Warwickshire. Having received 400*l.* for interest from the Earl of Derby, and finding your lordship's return deferred, I shall send you a bond to seal for 200*l.*, and Sir Clifford Clifton another for the other 200*l.*, that the money may be disposed of accordingly, or how else you may please to command. [*Ibid. No.* 103.]

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Wm. Crane to Williamson. I would have waited upon you to state my sufferings, had not the unjust usage of my friends given me to severe imprisonment in the Fleet. I beg you will hear this lady; she and I are equally concerned with Lady Wandesford, who had a patent from King Charles I. of some valuable waste lands in Hampshire. I hear there are some people at the Isle of Wight endeavouring to obtain a title from his Majesty to Cowes; if there be such a motion, I beg that you will inform yourself of Lady Wandesford's interest, and give a stay to it. [*Ibid. No.* 104.]

Dec. 15.
Whitchurch.

Anne Nicolls to Rob. Francis. I entreat your assistance, as a cousin, to procure the bearer [Bostock] some handsome employment; I have a very great kindness for him, and could think of no friend so probable as yourself to do this favour. With note by Row. Nicolls, her husband, seconding the request. [*Ibid. No.* 105.]

Dec. 15.
Whitehall.

Reference to the Treasury Commissioners of the petition of Sir Hugh Bethel, colonel of horse of the Coldstreams, for possession for 3 lives, at rent of 20*l.* a year, of all such of the King's rents as he now possesses, which he purchased of the late pretended powers, but his Majesty, 25 May 1661, permitted the Coldstreams to enjoy such purchased lands; also of those rents granted to Mr. Kirke for life, and to the Queen mother after his death, on rent of 24*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.* for 31 years, he paying the rent of 20*s.* a year. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 18, *p.* 348.]

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The King to Sir Stephen Fox. We declared our pleasure on 13 Nov. 1668, to supply such officers as were disbanded from the Guards in 1667, or as served the late King or ourselves when

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beyond seas; you are therefore to prepare a complete list thereof from the lists given in by the several officers, and present the same to us for approbation. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 29, *p.* 21.] *Annexing,*

> *List of officers respited in* 1666 *and disbanded in Sept.* 1667, *extracted out of the officers' lists; viz.,* 29 *from the King's troop commanded by Lord Gerard;* 13 *from the Duke of York's troop;* 28 *from the Guards commanded by the Marquis of Blanquefort;* 17 *from the Lord General's Guards commanded by Sir Phil. Howard;* 2 *from the Earl of Oxford's regiment of horse, and* 17 *foot officers.* [*Ibid. p.* 23.]

> *List of* 18 *reformed officers formerly mustered in several garrisons, and paid out of the Privy Purse.* [*Ibid. p.* 27.]

> *Estimate of the expense of maintenance of all the above officers at half-pay of what they had when in actual service; total,* 12*l.* 12*s.* 7*d. a day.* [*Ibid.*]

Dec. 15. Portsmouth. Capt. Ant. Deane to Williamson. I send the letter desired and some of later date. The writer [Castell, in France] speaks of goods and merchandize, which you will know the meaning of. The draft, being blotted, is not fit for his lordship's view until it is done over again, when it will be worth knowledge. I could wish my friend might save the long journey to Marseilles and Toulon, but if it is thought otherwise, I will rest content, in assurance that when he returns you will understand all the affair as if you had seen it yourself. I will launch the *Nonsuch* on Monday. She will carry 48 guns, and is intended for the experiment after Christmas. I desire a further supply for Mrs. Castell. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No* 106.]

Dec. 15. Portsmouth. Capt. Ant. Deane to the Navy Commissioners. Has launched the *Milford*, and shall do the same with the *Nonsuch* on Monday, having her works nearly done. The *Portland* is nigh fitted, but is loath to bring her ashore until the commander comes to give his opinion about the repairs. [*Ibid. No.* 107.]

Dec. 16. M. Wren to Pepys. The *Roebuck* is to continue in the Downs; there is no other man-of-war there. Desires that a month's victuals be supplied her. [*Ibid. No.* 108.]

Dec. 16. Whitehall. Letters commendatory for Fras. Watson, who wishes to impart to foreign nations the arts invented by him of protecting ships voyaging in hot climates from worms, &c., and of illuminating with colour as splendidly and durably as by gilding. [*Latin. Foreign Entry Book, No.* 12, *p.* 143.]

Dec. 16. Reference to the Bishop of Hereford and to the Judge of the Arches, before whom the cause was heard, of the petition of Theophilus Hart, clerk, for pardon, being unjustly accused of incontinency. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 18, *p.* 349.]

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Dec. 16. Warrant to Joseph Williamson, Keeper of Papers for matters of State at Whitehall, to look out all papers relating to a trade proposed to be settled with Piedmont, or any part of the Duke of Savoy's territories, and deliver them to the Council of Trade lately established. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 94.]

Dec. 16. Bruges. Thos. Blount to John Crosse, at Sir Mark D'Ognaté's. I saw your letter to Father Felix, and perceive that I am more obliged to Sir Mark and you than I am able to requite; I understand that his Majesty has a great desire to take Granger. I blush to think that I was ever concerned with so unworthy a person; what is past cannot be recalled, but I hope to live better for the future. No person in England can take Granger but me, and the knowledge of this makes Granger write to me now I am in prison, and clear himself of being the occasion of it, and try to ingratiate himself with me again, which he shall never do, unless it be thereby to take him.

If I got out of prison, I could inform his Majesty not only of Granger's several names and places of abode, but also where all his trunks and moneys were kept, which are worth looking after, as it was a very considerable sum; I can also give an account both of the Irish business and Mr. Fitton's. If Sir Mark thinks fit to acquaint his Majesty with this, it would be a great inducement towards my enlargement, and a little persuading would make Nicholson withdraw the actions, by reason of the great charge of prosecuting me. If his Majesty will give me a protection for 2 or 3 months, I doubt not but in that time to take Granger, or set others to do so, which will be of service to the whole kingdom, and prevent any more rogueries; if not taken, he would be frightened out of the kingdom. I beg this may be kept private, as I have many correspondents in London. Endorsed by [Williamson], "Counterfeiters of writing." [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 109.]

Dec. 16. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Hickes. There is a report of another vessel, laden with wine and nuts, having been cast away near the Lizard. [*Ibid. No.* 110.]

Dec. 16. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect as the preceding and his letter to Hickes of the 14th instant. [*Ibid. No.* 111.]

Dec. 17. Pembroke. John Powell to Williamson. Particulars of the arrival of ships. [*Ibid. No.* 112.]

Dec. 17. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson.] I hear that the Farmers of Customs have had several complaints against the Surveyor of Deal, who robbed me of my employ, and that he is likely to be dismissed; also that if my friends moved for me, I might obtain my desires. Had I money at my command, I would come up, but remembering your promise, I pray you to speak to the Farmers, before they have the excuse that it is promised to another. I have written to Mr. Snow, treasurer to the Archbishop of Canter-

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bury, who is very intimate with Sir Rob. Vyner and Alderman Backwell, and as the complaint is very strong, I know the Farmers cannot deny your request. A large Dutch ship has arrived in the Downs. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 113.]

Dec. 17. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Tuesday next is fixed for launching the new ship, the *Nonsuch.* [*Ibid. No.* 114.]

Dec. 17. Earl of Manchester [Chancellor of Cambridge] to Lord Arlington. I have given John Butler leave to have his D.D. degree in the University of Cambridge, if your lordship will move his Majesty to grant a *mandamus* for it. [*Ibid. No.* 115.]

Dec. 17. Whitehall. Warrant to Sam. Botley, messenger of the Chamber, to apprehend William Atwood and Sarah Sanders of Canterbury, and bring them before Sec. Trevor. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 28, *f.* 19.]

Dec. 17. Certificate by Sir Rob. Long that 672*l.* 3*s.* 2*d.*, registered upon and paid out of the eleven months' tax to Chris. Brouncker, for goods and wares furnished to the Navy, was in bank, and ready to be paid out of the Exchequer, in the manner and at the times mentioned. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 116.]

Dec. 17. Woolwich. Edward Byland to Pepys. Particulars of the work necessary to be done to the *Hope* galliot, and the *Katherine* and *Anne* yachts. Desires advice thereon. [*Ibid. No.* 117.]

Dec. 17. Capt. John Berry, master of the *Pearl,* to Thos. Hayter. Finds his mainmast is within 3 inches as long as the old, and is sorry he was otherwise informed. Wants 2 courses of Holland duck. A longboat is still wanting, and a copper pipe for the furnace. [*Ibid. No.* 118.]

Dec. 18. Thos. Goose, purser of the *Sweepstakes,* to the Navy Commissioners. Begs their perusal of certificates sent, conceiving they have received some satisfaction from Capt. Fras. Saunders, late commander. Requests not to be turned over to the purser of the *Pembroke,* for provisions lent to his ship for his Majesty's interest. Conceives that no purser is obliged to find the carpenter wood and candle for caulking; did it by his commander's desire, but hopes not to be a sufferer. Begs allowance for victuals given to carpenters and caulkers. Beseeches them to do him justice; has been faithful, and by his care, has saved his Majesty hundreds of pounds in 23 months and 10 days. With note that the certificates were sent to Sir Wm. Penn, 29 Dec. [*Ibid. No.* 119.]

Dec. 18. London. Robert Foley to the Navy Commissioners. His contract will cease in June; hopes they have been informed that the iron supplied the stores is better than any yet received; could have sold it at a much dearer rate, and therefore loses by it. Has put a mark as ordered upon his goods, at his own charge, on which his Majesty by proclamation forbad all others to do the like. Has many of those goods on hand, which he desires them to take; will then ask

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for his Royal Highness's warrant, and furnish at as cheap a rate as anyone. With note that no answer was given, but the notice is to go on, and meanwhile iron is to be bought as cheap as possible from him and others. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 120.]

Dec. 18. Treasury Chambers. Sir George Downing to the Navy Commissioners. The Treasury Commissioners have appointed the first Friday after New Year's Day to consider the accounts of the *Leopard, Convertine,* &c., depending between his Majesty and the East India Company, and desire them to come prepared on his Majesty's behalf. [*Ibid. No.* 121.]

Dec. 18. M. Wren to Pepys. The Duke is hindered from meeting the Navy Commissioners, and desires them to attend him on Sunday next after dinner. The *Portland* and the ketch to go with her must be got ready, the Prince of Tuscany having signified his desires that she may be at the Groyne by 20 Jan. [*Ibid. No.* 122.]

Dec. 18. Receipt by W. Jessop, for the use of the Committee of Accounts, of two books of contracts made by the Navy Commissioners between 1664 and 1667. [*Damaged. Ibid. No.* 123.]

Dec. 18. Sir Wm. Warren to the Navy Commissioners. Sends his answers to Sir John Mennes' inquiries touching his demands for demurrage, &c., for fetching masts from New England in the *Great Duke of York* in 1666. Prays they will order a bill to be made out for what is due. [7¼ *pages. Ibid. No.* 124.]

Dec. 18. The *Monmouth*, Leghorn Road. Sir Thos. Allin to Williamson. I gave an account of my agreement with Algiers from there, and also from Tunis; also that they of Tripoli used me civilly; but had I not come, they had thoughts of taking some of our rich ships, upon the belief that they were slighted, their Consul's time for return being elapsed; but that is salved upon a promise that he or some other should be sent. The Basha desired that Consul Tucker might return, but he cannot live there upon his Consulage, and for buying and selling, the King is the sole merchant, and none can do anything in merchandize until his turn be served, and then it is what he pleases; therefore there must be some thoughts that the Turkey Company may allow him some salary, for if they break, it will fall heavy upon them, they [of Tripoli] lying always with men-of-war in their passage.

I sent the *Montague* to Malta, where her commander, Capt. Francis Digby, with many gentlemen with him, kindly entertained and answered his Majesty's letter; he came to me at Messina, and I sent him to Palermo. I have since been at Naples, where we were all kindly entertained by the Viceroy, answering gun for gun upon promise, and saluting him with 15 pieces of ordnance, he answering with 17; at Messina they would only answer with 4, saying they never gave more to their own King's ships, so I did not salute them at all. I had a very tedious passage from Naples, which I left on 5 Dec., to Leghorn Road; I intend touching at Genoa, and over to Algiers to see how they have behaved since I left on 29 Sept.

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The Fleet has been in a very healthful condition; I shall make all haste homeward. I write this before entering Leghorn; I have received no letters from England since I parted. Sir John Finch has been aboard, when Lord Arlington's health was drunk, and his business settled about bringing home his marbles. I hope I shall have a line from you at Cadiz. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 125.]

Dec. 18. Yarmouth. Rich. Bower to Williamson. A vessel coming from Newcastle with coals was driven to sea, and foundered upon the coast of Yetland [Zealand ?] but the men were saved by a boat from shore. A flyboat has arrived with masts from Scotland on his Majesty's account, and a vessel from Norway with raft; 4 vessels have sailed for the Straits and 2 for Bordeaux. A deacon of Mr. Bridge's church was buried this afternoon. When they had brought him to the grave, the minister being there, they set down the corpse and fled, only one staying, which caused another to return, so that there were only those 2 and a friend of mine, to put the corpse into the grave. Pray acknowledge receipt of my letter of the 14th, and send a *Gazette.* [*Ibid. No.* 126.]

Dec. 18. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. Arrival of 2 ships, one from France, laden with wine and prunes for Ireland, and the other from Bilbao with iron. [*Ibid. No.* 127.]

Dec. 18. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 128.]

Dec. 18. [Henry] Oldenburg to Williamson. The enclosed begs a speedy conveyance to Vienna for one of our [the Royal] Society, employed for the benefit of philosophy, who intends for Constantinople and the Morea. [*Ibid. No.* 129.]

Dec. 18. Court at Whitehall. The King to the Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge. We wish the University to confer a D.D. degree on John Butler, clerk, he performing the usual exercises. [*Ibid. No.* 130.]

Dec. 18. Thos. Elyot [or Elliot, Master of the Harriers] to Williamson. Please to advertise in the newspaper the loss of a young white hound of the King's, which has a cross, his Majesty's mark, on the near shoulder. [*Ibid. No.* 131.]

Dec. 18. Information by John Winter. I went yesterday with Roger Vaughan to the house of Thos. Leach, printer, who works journey work with Mr. Redman, printer, and informed him that I wanted a sheet of paper lately printed by Redman touching the affairs of Ireland, having a friend going there whom I was obliged to satisfy, though I purchased it at any rate. He showed me a copy, but Vaughan said it was a private thing, and somewhat dangerous, and that it was not possible to get a copy, as he had offered a crown for one himself and been refused, and could only procure the loan of one overnight, to be returned the next morning. [*Ibid. No.* 132.]

Dec. 18. Report of [the Bishop of Norwich] to the King, on the reference made on the petition of [Lord Arlington. *See Calendar,* 1667–8, *p.* 460.] Finds that the rectory of Fakenham Parva, Suffolk, adjoins the parish of Euston, and that the profits are not worth 25*l.* a year; that there is but one family in the parish of Fakenham, which has

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neither church, chapel, nor place of divine worship, so that the family usually resort to Euston Church, which is about a mile off; that the present incumbent of the rectory of Fakenham Parva was admitted upon his Majesty's presentation *pleno jure*, but does not reside, there being no place of residence for the rector; and that Fakenham and Euston have been joined by his Majesty's predecessors in one presentation, and are jointly rated in the office of First Fruits, by the name of Fakenham Parva et Euston, under one entire value of 13*l.* 7*s.* 11*d.*; also that the 3 preceding incumbents to the present one were admitted to the rectory of Fakenham, on the presentation of Nich. Rookwood, the patron, and that it will be convenient to make a union of the two churches. [*Parchment. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 133.] *Annexing,*

> *Extract from the register of Edward* [*Reynolds*], *Bishop of Norwich, giving the presentations to Fakenham and Euston, from* 1559 *to* 1632. [*Parchment, Latin. Ibid. No.* 133i.]

Dec. 18. Whitehall. Proclamation further proroguing Parliament from 1 March to 19 Oct. next. Signed by Sir Rich. Browne, as read and approved in Council. [*Ibid. No.* 134.]

Dec. 18. Copy of the above. [*Printed. Proc. Coll., p.* 263.]

Dec. 18. Whitehall. Order in Council approving a proclamation prohibiting the export of unwrought horns, and directing the same to be presented for the King's signature, and printed and published. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 135.]

Dec. 18. Whitehall. Proclamation on petition of the Horners' Company—complaining of the transportation of large quantities of unwrought horns—enforcing former statutes which forbid such export, and forbidding the sale of horns to aliens or strangers. [*Printed. Proc. Coll., p.* 264.]

Dec. 18. Whitehall. Warrant for a patent for 14 years to Dr. Peter Chamberlain of his invention of a mode of navigating in a straight line, with all winds though contrary. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 77.]

Dec. 18. Warrant for a grant to George, Duke of Buckingham, and his heirs, of the holding of 3 new yearly fairs and a weekly market at Ragby [Wragby], Lincoln, although no writ of *ad quod damnum* has been held thereon. [*Ibid. f.* 83.]

Dec. 18. Whitehall. Warrant for a grant of the same to the same, on an inquisition of 13 Nov. of *ad quod damnum*, that it will be no damage to neighbouring fairs. [*Ibid. f.* 78.]

Dec.? Petition of Sir George Stonehouse, Bart., to the King, for a regrant of his baronetcy, on surrender thereof and payment of a fine, with remainder to his younger sons, John and James—the eldest, George, proving unworthy thereof—and for continuance of the former precedency. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 136.] *Annexing,*

> *Account of the descent of the baronetcy, granted* 7 *May* 1628 *to Wm. Stonehouse of Radley, co. Berks, and now held by his*

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second son George, John, the eldest son, having died without issue. Sir George has disinherited his eldest son for disobedience and frenzy, and wishes the title, as well as the estate, to be settled on his younger son. Arguments and precedents in favour of the request, and of that for maintaining the former precedency of the baronetcy. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 136I.]

[Dec. 18.] Whitehall. Warrant for a grant to Sir George Stonehouse, Bart., of the dignity of a baronet for life, with remainder to John and James, his younger sons, with the same precedency as was due to him by the patent of his late father, Sir William Stonehouse. [*Ibid. No.* 137.]

Dec. 18. Entry of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 95.]

[Dec. 18.] Draft of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 138.]

Dec. ? Petition of Sir George Stonehouse, Bart., to the King, for the entail of his baronetcy to be changed to his second son John, on whom he has conferred his estate, his eldest son having proved unworthy to succeed either to the title or property. With note that the grant is duly made out to John his second son, with remainder to James his third son, but is stayed by the Treasury Commissioners, on account of a late order in Council against such patents as are granted anew, without another order to dispense with the former patent. [*Draft. Ibid. No.* 139.]

Dec. ? Petition of the same to the King and Council, complaining of the above obstacle to the completion of his grant, and requesting an order for it to be passed. [*Draft. Ibid. No.* 140.]

[Dec. 18.] Warrant for a letter of privy seal, in form subjoined, authorising a loan of 2,000*l.* to Sir Solomon Swale, Bart., to be repaid by 100*l.* yearly for 20 years, on security of his lands in Yorkshire, which are to be demised on the Crown for 99 years, at a peppercorn rental, and redemised to him for 98 years, on rental of 100*l.* for the first 20 years. [*Ibid. No.* 141.]

Dec. 18. Entry of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 97.]

Dec. 19. Caveat in favour of Mrs. Chiffinch, that nothing pass of the estate of the late Maurice Van Lore, merchant, of London. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 32, *p.* 3.]

Dec. ? Petition of Col. Wm. Chamberlain and Capt. Thos. Chamberlain, his brother, to the King, for an order to the trustees to admit them into the list of indigent officers, to share in the lottery, although by their accidental absence from town, their names were not given in within the few days prescribed. [*Ibid. No.* 142.]

Dec. 19. Committee of Inspection, Speaker's Chambers. Certificate by Wm. Dicconson, clerk inspector, that upon examination of several certificates under the hands of the Earl of Oxford, Henry, Lord Arundel of Wardour, and others named, the Board was satisfied that Col. Wm. Chamberlain was colonel of about 300 horse, and has all qualifications according to rule, and therefore passed the inspection. [*Ibid. No.* 143.]

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Deal.
Rich. Watts to [Francis ?]. The great East India Dutch ship that came into the Downs ran aground on the Rip-raps, but did not suffer much. Fifty English and foreign ships are in the Downs, outward bound. I beg your assistance in regaining my employment as surveyor in the Customs at Deal, which I lost in February last, though with no complaint against me. Sir Rob. Vyner and Alderman Backwell are made my friends by the Archbishop of Canterbury. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 144.]

Dec. 19.
Sunderland.
Benj. Francis to Rob. Francis. Family affairs. [*Ibid. No.* 145.]

Dec. 19.
Weymouth.
John Pocock to Hickes. We hear by a ship from Rochelle that a frigate of 120 guns has been launched at Toulon, and order given for building 50 small frigates of 36 guns each. A vessel with wine has been driven ashore at White North, 2 leagues north-east of this port, and staved to pieces. [*Ibid. No.* 146.]

Dec. 19.
Woolwich Ropeyard.
Wm. Bodham, clerk of the ropeyard, to the Navy Commissioners. Desires an order to sell 2 or 3 tons of decayed shakings to the paper makers; it has been picked already for oakum. [*Ibid. No.* 147.]

Dec. 19.
John Hatch, boatswain of the *Assurance*, to the Navy Commissioners. Having passed his accounts, begs payment of his wages, amounting to 65*l.* 9*s.* 11*d.*, for which he has 3 tickets. [*Ibid. No.* 148.]

Dec. 20.
Portsmouth.
Capt. John Tinker, master attendant, to Pepys. Has bought 6 dozen oars for present use, and desires payment for them. Asks for a further supply, and for other stores. The boatswain of the *Estrig* hulk died this morning; there will not need another, as the *Slothany* hulk will soon be fitted, when there will be no need of this; will put a man to take care of her meanwhile. [1¼ *pages. Ibid. No.* 149.]

Dec. 20.
Examination of Jo. Redman, printer, before Lord Arlington. Has been abroad for debt since the fire, and his wife took the book headed "Queries about Ireland," to print; 200 copies were printed for 1*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.* It was brought by Everard, a Papist, lodging in Southampton Buildings, Holborn. Redman keeps 4 servants at work, and attends his parish church, St. James's, Clerkenwell. Everard had all the copies and the MS. also. [*Ibid. No.* 150.]

Dec. 20.
Pembroke.
John Powell to Williamson. A ship has been cast away near St. David's, laden with wines and fruit, but the crew all saved; the ship fell into the hands of the rude multitude, who turned the wines out to carry the casks away: it is not yet known to what place she belonged. [*Ibid. No.* 151.]

Dec. 20.
John Powell to Hickes. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 152.]

Dec. 20.
Barnstaple.
Wm. Wakeman to Williamson. The *Amity* and *Willing Mind* of Barnstaple have returned from Bilbao, having disposed of their cargoes of Newfoundland fish, and brought home money and some iron in return. [*Ibid. No.* 153.]

Dec. 21.
Pendennis.
Fras. Bellott to Williamson. Two London vessels came into port from the Canaries with wine, but have sailed again. There

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are 2 or 3 Dutchmen outward bound, and a few English vessels. The weather has been very tempestuous for a long time. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 154.]

Dec. 21. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Hickes. The *Emperor Maximilian* of Middleburg, laden with salt, sugar, tobacco, &c., has been cast away near the Lizard, being the fourth ship within 14 days. The *Sarah* and *Martha* of London, from the Canaries, have sailed. [*Ibid. No.* 155.]

Dec. 21. Bristol. Ja. Baskerville to Williamson. There has been very bad weather of late; most of the fleet outward bound are yet in port, and a Dutch man-of-war of 32 guns has been forced up the Channel. It it reported by the *Sea Flower* from Barbadoes, that Lord Willoughby has been above a month at sea on his way to England. [*Ibid. No.* 156.]

Dec. 21. Yarmouth. Rich. Bower to Williamson. I was mistaken in my statement that the Presbyterians gained the government of this town in the year 1665, it being in 1666. Edmond Thaxter, one of the party, was chosen bailiff by the townsmen in 1665, but was laid aside, and Rob. Nicholson and Wm. Bateman took place by *mandamus*, but these will not be owned by the Presbyterian party to have been bailiffs, upon which account they have several times been affronted in taking their seats in the church. There is a peculiar seat in the church for the bailiffs and the aldermen, the bailiffs sitting at the upper end, the justices next, and every alderman that has been bailiff in order; those that never bore the office, according to the time they have been aldermen, sit next the lower end; but if a junior alderman be chosen bailiff, he sits above his seniors that never bore that office. Wm. Bateman, coming to his place yesterday during divine service, James Johnson—formerly an alderman, but turned out—being in the aldermen's seat, set up his feet and would not let him pass, upon which Bateman forced away his leg, and had like to have passed by; Alderman Thaxter, perceiving this, caught hold of his gown behind, and pulled him back violently, and Mr. Johnson struck him, so I fear it will not be long before they are all together by the ears. Further details of the quarrel. [*Ibid. No.* 157.]

Dec. 21. Weymouth. John Pocock to Hickes. Several parcels of wine and casks have been driven on shore. The *Palm Tree* of Weymouth, from the Canaries, reports that the London fleet had not arrived there when she left 5 weeks since. Other vessels have come in from Lisbon, &c. [*Ibid. No.* 158.]

Dec. 21. Whitehall. Order granting the petition of Eliz. Wallop, for the King's recommendation of her sad condition to the Lord Keeper, Lord Ashley, and Sir Hen. Vernon, grantees of her husband's estate. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 18, *p.* 351.]

Dec. 21. Whitehall. Petition of Sir Wm. Pulteney to the King, for protection from vexatious suits by direction of Sir John Denham, Surveyor of Works, for digging for clay in an acre of land held from his Majesty, though the bricks made therewith have been used to

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improve another part of the lands, and though in a new lease lately contracted for, the land was the more valued for that improvement. It has been customary for tenants to dig for clay or gravel, making good the ground again. With reference thereon to the Attorney-General. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 159.]

Dec. 21. Entry of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 18, *p.* 352.]

Dec. 21. Grant to Dr. John Butler to be Prebendary of Windsor in the room of Dr. George Gillingham. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 19, *p.* 92.]

Dec. Docquet of the above, dated Dec. 29. [*Docquet, Vol.* 23, *No.* 303.]

Dec. 21. Order for a warrant for Col. Legg to transfer to the Duke of Monmouth 1,800*l.*, out of the orders registered in his name on the Act of Additional Aid, in full of a former privy seal for the same. [*Docquet, Vol.* 23, *No.* 301.]

Dec. 21.
Earl of Northumberland's House, Petworth.
Rob. Williams, cook of the *Triumph*, to the Navy Commissioners. Being master cook to the late Earl of Northumberland, and an old servant, I waited on him for 6 months, during his sickness, and until his death; which, with sorrow for the loss of so good a master, detracted my thoughts from other concerns, and being 70 years old, and indisposed, I am incapable of travel. I desire you to dispense with my absence and non-performance of duty on board, until the spring. With note that his attendance on board cannot be dispensed with, but by leave from the Lord High Admiral. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 160.]

Dec. 21.
Woolwich.
Wm. Hannam, master attendant, to the Navy Commissioners. Thinks if the *Roe* ketch had had officers and men, she might have been ready to sail. Knows not where the captain lives, but as soon as he meets with him, will acquaint him with their commands. [*Ibid. No.* 161.]

Dec. 21.
Woolwich.
Wm. Bodham to the Navy Commissioners. The 50*l.* imprest for oakum picking being nearly expended, desires a further imprest; cannot deliver out more junk unless he can pay for it. The 50*l.* has done much good amongst the poor in this time of want, and many are glad to work on it that would lately have thought scorn of such poor earnings; many of the ropemakers work on it in the evenings. [*Ibid. No.* 162.]

Dec. 22.
Victualling Office.
Sir Denis Gauden to the Navy Commissioners. I send the names of 5 pursers who have passed their accounts; I desire you to bring the others to account, that his Majesty may receive satisfaction in the expense of his victuals, with casks, iron hoops, &c., delivered with the provisions, and what shall be found to be due on the balance of their accounts, so that I may prosecute them and their securities in the Court of Exchequer. Noted as answered by a letter to Sir Wm. Penn—22 Dec. [*Ibid. No.* 163.] *Encloses,*

> *List of* 68 *pursers belonging to ships named, who neglect to bring in their papers in order to pass their accounts, though their books are sent by Sir Wm. Penn to the Victualling Office in order thereunto.* [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 163I.]

List of 26 *pursers belonging to ships named, whose books and papers are at the Victualling Office, and who are found in debt upon their accounts.*—10 *Jan.* 1669. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 163II.]

List of 42 *pursers belonging to ships named, who are in debt upon their accounts, and who do not appear to clear them.* —18 *Dec.* 1668. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 163III.]

Dec. 22. Portsmouth. Capt. Ant. Deane, master shipwright, to the Navy Commissioners. Thinks the *Portland* will be so perfected that when the commander comes, he will have nothing to do but to put in his provisions and sail. Has launched the *Nonsuch*, which is completed, except some little joiner's work; shall despatch the hulk with all diligence. Is in great want of elm timber, and cannot be supplied until the money is ordered, which was promised by them some time since. [*Ibid. No.* 164.]

Dec. 22. Portsmouth. Capt. John Tinker to Pepys. Will make all possible despatch of the *Portland*, and shall launch the new ship this tide, of which Capt. Deane will give an account. Is in great want of oars, candles, and shovels. [*Ibid. No.* 165.]

Dec. 22. Whitehall. Petition of Henry, Marquis of Worcester, to the King, for a regrant of the advowson of the parish church of Chalton, co. Hants granted by King James to Edward Earl of Worcester, for 187*l.* 1*s.* 8½*d.*, but to which the late King, on some misinformation, presented Dr. Gillingham, who made a private agreement with ——— Price, presented by Henry, Marquis of Worcester, so that the right of advowson is lost. With reference thereon to Lord Keeper Bridgman, and his report, 18 Jan. 1669, in favour of the re-grant, but recommending that, as the Marquis cannot legally recover the advowson, Dr. Edmund Barker, the King's presentee on this vacancy, should receive institution. [*Ibid. Nos.* 166, 167.]

[Dec. 22.] [Whitehall.] Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of Bath to Lord Arlington, to assist their petition [to the King], committed to the hands of the Duchess of Monmouth, that the assizes may be annually held in their town; they have many opposers, who plead the settlement of the place of sessions, which has been set aside in other cases. [*Ibid. No.* 168.]

Dec. 22. Whitehall. Reference of the petition to the King above alluded to, to the Lord Keeper and the Judges who have usually gone that circuit. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 18, *p.* 351.]

Dec. ? "Reasons for settling the summer assizes for the county of Somerset, to be holden yearly, for the future, at the city of Bath;" showing that it is as convenient a place as Taunton, where the winter assizes are held; that they were held there before the wars, and twice since the Restoration; and that the King, at his visit, promised to settle one of the assizes there. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 169.]

Dec. ? Arguments by [Wm.] Prynne for an assize at the city of Bath. That Bath pays 121*l.* yearly in hearth money, whilst Wells and Taunton, which have each one assize and quarter sessions, pay only

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25*l.* 8*s.* and 24*l.* 2*s.* The request of Bath is that the Lent Assizes be held there, and that the winter quarter sessions, formerly kept at Wells, be removed thither; that the Michaelmas quarter sessions be removed from Bridgwater to Wells, and the Midsummer quarter sessions from Taunton to Bridgwater. Bath was the first garrison in the west for the late King, and the first to proclaim his present Majesty, and Taunton was the first in opposition to both. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 170.]

Dec. 22. Whitehall. Petition of Ralph Davenant to the King, for a grant of the rectory of Stepney. Can show that simony was committed in the last disposition of it, by which means the rectory is, for this turn, in his Majesty's gift. With reference thereon to the Bishop of Hereford, and his report in favour of the petition. [*Ibid. Nos.* 171, 172.]

Dec. 22. Entry of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 18, *f.* 351.]

Dec. 22. Warrant for a grant with survivorship to John Norden, jun., and William Bridgeman, on surrender of John Norden, sen., of the office of executing all laws and statutes relative to bankruptcy, registering and passing all commissions relating thereto, examining witnesses, &c. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 95.]

Dec. 22. Whitehall. Report by the Earl of Lauderdale, Sir John Berkeley, and Lord Ashley [Prize Commissioners], on David Grosse's case. We find in the account of incident and promiscuous charges for the port of Plymouth, that more was placed to the credit as paid than was apportioned on the respective ships then in port, so that the Treasury of Prizes had like to have been brought in debt 124*l.* as part of 158*l.* said to be due to Grosse; we did not think fit to allow it, though it appears by the vouchers returned for the money, that the Commissioners were satisfied he had expended money to that amount, over and above what was allowed him; but we request that Grosse may have 120*l.* by warrant under signet and sign manual. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 173. *See p.* 153 *infra.*]

Dec. 22. Plymouth. John Clarke to Williamson. The *Star* of London, bound for the East Indies, has been forced in by stress of weather, with the loss of her main and fore masts; also a small vessel from Spain, laden with lemons and oranges. [*Ibid. No.* 174.]

Dec. 22. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. A vessel from Bordeaux reports that on 22 Nov., as one of Mr. Saint's men, with a couple of herrings, was going over a vessel where there were some Frenchmen, one of the Frenchmen desired the herrings, and struck the Englishman and knocked him down. Saint's vessel lying by, the company endeavoured to rescue their friend, insomuch that a mutiny arose, and one of the Frenchmen was much cut, whereupon the cowards of Bordeaux beat up the drums, pretending strange things, and the murder of 40 or 50 French, and the next day Saint was imprisoned, with all his men, and several other shipmasters stayed. [*Ibid. No.* 175.]

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Dec. 22. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Nonsuch* was launched in half an hour; she is a very stiff ship, and had no ballast in her at all. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 176.]

Dec. 22. T. Sprat to Williamson. Pray assist Mr. Parr in his petition, as it will be a very charitable and worthy work. [*Ibid. No.* 177.]

Dec. 22. Oxford. Dr. Jenkins to Williamson. Being advised that Lord Ashley has paid the 540*l.* additional salary which Lord Arlington obtained for me 22 months ago, I beg to return thanks to you and Lord Arlington. I send Father Patrick's procuration; I have studied and shaped it with the greatest attention. I am in the greatest confusion, as I cannot send the copy of Father Patrick's provision in Flanders, which he lent to me; I was so hurried away from Eton by the Provost [Dr. Rich. Allestry,] that I left my papers—wherein was Father Patrick's instrument and his letter, with the names and titles of his procurators of the abbey—with my man to bring down; but I suppose the engrosser of the instrument may be able to do without it. Mr. Provost of Queen's College [Dr. Thos. Barlow] gives Mr. Clifford a singular good character. [*Ibid. No.* 178.]

Dec. 23. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Hickes. The *Concord* of Havre de Grace has arrived very leaky, having received many shots in the time of the war. [*Ibid. No.* 179.]

Dec. 23. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect as the preceding and his letter to Hickes of the 21st. [*Ibid. No.* 180.]

Dec. 23. Whitehall. Proclamation for apprehension of Edw. Madox, alias Morgan, and 22 other notorious robbers—who daily commit disorders, but by negligence in keeping of watch and ward, and of pursuing them with hue and cry, are not yet taken—ordering stricter care therein. Also ordering that all vintners, gaming-house keepers, inn-keepers, &c., in whose houses murder or burglary is committed, apprehend the offenders, and offering 10*l.* reward to all who shall prosecute such before 24 June next. Also ordering an account to be taken of all horses in London or Westminster let out on hire to others, as many are kept for those who commit great offences. [*Printed Proc. Coll., p.* 264*a.*]

[Dec. 23.] Order for a warrant to pay to Noel Warner, of East Greenwich, 1,254*l.* for the purchase of the Ship Tavern, and an adjoining tenement called the Rose in that place, for the King. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 181.]

[Dec. 23.] Entry of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 94.]

Dec. 23. Docquet of the above. [*Docquet, Vol.* 23, *No.* 302.]

Dec. 24. Thos. Abrahall, ship chandler, to the Navy Commissioners. Requests to continue to supply stores, and as ready money will be paid, shall abate on the former prices, and give content in goodness; is in very great straits for want of 600*l.* due for setting out the last summer's fleet, being promised ready money. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 182.]

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Dec. 24. Note of payments made on 23 and 24 Dec. for the 11 months' assessment; totals, 1,364*l.* 11*s.* 11*d.* and 17,778*l.* 19*s.* 3*d.* [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 182A.]

Dec. 24. Licence for Francis Cooke to see William Penn, his master, a prisoner in the Tower, and to speak to him in presence of his keeper. Minute. [*S.P Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 96.]

Dec. 24. Mews. Sir Nich. Armorer to Williamson. Lieut.-Col. Mutass is a person that has always served his Majesty, and has all the required qualifications; I conceive there can hardly be a person who more wants relief, or better deserves it. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 183.]

Dec. 24. Thos. Ross to Williamson. I find the knight I named to you to be a true object of your charity, and next to him Capt. Sam. Terick, who is 60 years of age, and has a wife and 7 children, and who is eminently known for his service to the King in his county of Lancashire. [*Ibid. No.* 184.]

Dec. 24. Deal. Rich. Watts to Williamson. The *Fortune* of London has arrived from Portugal, and reports that on her voyage for England, she was met by 3 Algiers men-of-war, who took from her 7*l.* worth of oranges and lemons, 20*l.* worth of wine, and their arms, clothes, provisions, books and instruments, and very much beat some of the men for desiring a return of some of their clothes. [*Ibid. No.* 185.]

Dec. 24. Milford. John Powell to Hickes. Account of the wreck of the *Amity* of Southampton, near St. David's Head; the crew were all saved; the master was unable to rescue any of the wine, owing to the barbarous behaviour of the people of Ramsey Island in staving the casks. [*Ibid. No.* 186.]

Dec. 24. Milford. John Powell to Williamson. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 187.]

Dec. 24. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Bonadventure* came into the dry dock to be graved and fitted; the *Milford* is ready for her provisions, and the *Nonsuch* will soon be rigged. [*Ibid. No.* 188.]

Dec. 25. Deal. Rich. Watts to Williamson. The fleet of 75 ships, outward bound, sailed this day, 1 p.m. [*Ibid. No.* 189.]

Dec. 25. Plymouth. John Clarke to Williamson. Two ships have arrived, one from the Straits, and the other from Portugal. [*Ibid. No.* 190.]

Dec. 25. The *Monmouth*, Leghorn Road. Sir Thos. Allin to Williamson. I arrived in the Bay of Tunis on 27 October, and was received with great civility; the Bey's brother, who is the great owner of the men-of-war, invited all my officers to his country house 2 miles off, and gave them 100 dishes of meat. The Basha at Tripoli is very angry that the Consul is not returned, and thinks himself slighted. Their men-of-war are said to have private instructions to capture any English ships they meet of value, but not to meddle with the small ones. The French, when at Tripoli with their squadron, used tricks to persuade them to break with the English, and the Bey's brother told the English

Consul that their Judge Advocate was very earnest about it; but he replied that one English ship was of more value than 20 of theirs, as their commodities sent—wine, apples, nuts, &c.—were inconsiderable. They are ready to break with the French and Dutch, and have sunk a Dutch vessel of 36 guns; they have 36 Dutchmen saved in their Banyard, who are looking every day to be made slaves; they have also a very rich French ship, bound from Constantinople for Venice. [*The preceding portion is a copy of a letter written from Tunis,* 1 *Nov., and sent in duplicate.*]

We are in as good a position with the three people I was sent to as can be expected from such a generation of barbarians. We reached Leghorn, 17 Dec.; particulars of a contest with the authorities there as to the number of guns to be fired on either side in saluting. I wrote to Sir John Finch that I could not answer unless I had 6 guns, the same as the French King's flag had. The Grand Duke [of Tuscany] sent a present of bullocks, sheep, wine, and fruit. I intend sailing to-morrow towards Genoa, to see how that State will honour our Master's flag; I have written to Consul [George] Legat to prepare them for a speedy answer, and as their road is open and dangerous, I shall not stay there more than 2 days. I have ordered Capt. Harris, commander of the *Little Victory,* to take Lord Arlington's marbles. [1½ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 191.]

Dec. 25. Portsmouth. Capt. Ant. Deane to the Navy Commissioners. Sends an account of things required, and desires a warrant to the storekeeper for their receipt. Will take care that the beams and harpins for the new ship shall be provided to adjust the money in Mr. Steventon's hands. The *Portland* is done, but the commander desires more cabins to be built; requests orders therefor, they having formerly denied any to be set up in new places. With note that the account was delivered to the surveyor, to see to their supply. [*Ibid. No.* 192.]

Dec. 26. Woolwich. Edw. Byland, shipwright's assistant, to Pepys. Launched the *Pearl,* and assisted the undertakers of the wrecks, whose vessels are too small in quantity. Intends to dock the *Katherine* and *Anne* yachts, but wants timber for the works. Will set the caulkers to work on the ships. [*Ibid. No.* 193.]

Dec. 26. Portsmouth. St. J. Steventon to the Navy Commissioners. Before their order came to receive into the stores 6,000 of hemp in the *Batchelor* from Mr. Browne of St. Malo, the master of the vessel had arrived, and as coming from France, was refused entrance into the port by the Governor, without quarantine; upon which he went to Southampton, unloaded, and housed the goods there, where they lie at his Majesty's charge, which will increase by their continuing; they will not be redelivered without paying the whole of the customs' charges, warehouse room, &c. [*Ibid. No.* 194.]

Dec. 26. The *Roebuck,* Downs. Capt. George Liddell to Thos. Hayter. Asks for 20 blank tickets; gave written ones to some of his discharged men, but is daily troubled with letters saying they are refused. [*Ibid. No.* 195.]

Dec. 26. The *Roebuck,* Downs. Same to the Navy Commissioners. The *York Merchant* flyboat came aboard me and broke my bowsprit; I was forced to cut her cable, or she would have sunk me; I have weighed for her anchor

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and got it aboard. I have got the *Greenwich's* broken topmast for a bowsprit, and am ready to sail. I have given the Duke of York this account, and desire orders. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 196.]

Dec. 27. M. Wren to the Navy Commissioners. Asks them to send to the Trinity House to provide two able pilots to carry the *Mary Rose*, in which the Earl of Carlisle goes Ambassador to Sweden, to the port of Malstron. [*Ibid. No.* 197.]

Dec. 27. Portsmouth. Capt. John Tinker to Pepys. Hopes the galliot hoy that came in has brought shovels, as there are none to be had here. If the *Nonsuch* is to be fitted out for sea, desires a warrant for entering more men, and for sending victuals aboard. The *Portland* is cleaned, and will take in her provisions this week. [*Ibid. No.* 198.]

Dec. 28. The *Fountain*, Deptford. Capt. Ben. Young to the Navy Commissioners. Desires them to hasten his purser, who has been with them about passing the pay books; cannot leave the ship from fear of embezzlements, having some "tokens for the Court" on board. [*Ibid. No.* 199.]

Dec. 28. Westminster. Sir George Downing to Pepys. Recommends for some recompense Lieut. Pretty, who lost his eye in the late war. [*Ibid. No.* 200.] *Annexing,*

> *Certificates by Capt. John Silver and Jacob Ruben, surgeon,* 11 *July* 1668, *by J. Pearse,* 12 *Jan.* 1669, *and by the Earl of Carlisle,* 13 *Jan.* 1669, *that Lieut. Saxey Pretty, of the* Kent *frigate, lost an eye in taking the* Brache, *a Dutch frigate, on* 11 *July* 1667. [*Ibid. Nos.* 200i–iii.]

Dec. 28. Chatham. Edw. Homewood to Pepys. Asks for an order to dispose of 155 pieces of sorry firewood brought from Scotland. This is all the master owns to, but he has sold some longer stuff to the boatswain of the yard for rafters, &c. [*Ibid. No.* 201.]

Dec. ? Note of the appointment of Sir Rob. Holmes as Governor of the Isle of Wight, on surrender of Lord Colepeper; also of the ordinary charges now allowed in the castles and forts of the island, above those established by the late King, amounting to 285*l.* 11*s.* 9*d.* yearly. [1½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 202.]

Dec. 28. Warrant for a grant to Sir Rob. Holmes, on surrender of Thomas, Lord Colepeper, of the office of Governor and Captain of the Isle of Wight, with all arrears of fees, profits, &c., payable since Michaelmas last, to the time of the surrender. [*Ibid. No.* 203.]

Dec. [28.] Entry of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 96.]

Docquet of the above, dated 16 Jan. 1669. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 3.]

Dec. 28. Swansea. Jo. Man to Williamson. The *Friendship* of London has arrived at Tenby from Valencia, with salt and fruit, and a Rotterdam vessel with salt and tar for Kinsale; also a Barnstaple man from Rochelle, who reports that 60 sail of English, French, and Dutch have been cast away in the late storms, on the coast of France. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 204.]

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Dec. 28. Pendennis. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. A French ship arrived from the Barbadoes was at St. Christopher's when the French surprised the English; she has sent away a great packet of letters by express for the French King, and for the French Royal Company, to whom she belongs, and is supposed to be very rich. Four other vessels have come in from places named. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 205.]

Dec. 28. Sir Phil. Musgrave to Williamson. I must close the old year by giving you thanks for many favours. The Commissioners of Excise and their inferior officers exercise a very arbitrary power in these parts, grieving the people, and disgusting those in authority, whom they reproach to their faces, so that Sir George Fletcher, Sir John Lowther, and several others, had a meeting to consult how to preserve his Majesty's authority, and his revenue, from lessening by the default of his officers. Pray acquaint Sir Thos. Clifford with it, as he is a Treasury Commissioner. [*Ibid. No.* 206.]

Dec. 28. M. Johnson to Williamson. I send the proclamation for apprehending robbers, &c., which the Lord Keeper ordered to be engrossed on parchment for his Majesty's signature. [*Ibid. No.* 207.]

Dec. 29. Cock-pit. Duke of Albemarle to Sir Stephen Fox. His Majesty desired that Dan. Collingwood, Deputy Governor of Holy Island, should be allowed a soldier's pay out of each of the 7 companies of the garrison of Berwick, for the better support of that charge; but the captains of the several companies do not give the pay to Collingwood; I request that you will stop it and pay it over to him. [*Copy. Ibid. No.* 208.]

Dec. 29. Sir Wm. Morton, Justice of King's Bench, to Williamson. I send a paper received from Martin, whose examination I showed you yesterday; you will judge by the hand whether he is the person you thought; I beg its return, having some further use to make of it. Has Lord Arlington seen the certificate I left on my own business, and what was his sense of it? [*Ibid. No.* 209.]

Dec. 29. Yarmouth. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Arrival and departure of vessels; some report that the *Jeoffords* of Hull has been cast away in Brewer's Haven, and only 3 men of the company saved. [*Ibid. No.* 210.]

Dec. 29. Navy Office. Navy Commissioners to the Treasury Commissioners. We are informed by the Navy Treasurers that the sole fund upon which we are to be supported for the expense of the ensuing year, and for defraying the remainder of the last year's charge, is an assignment upon the Customs for 200,000*l.* This sum provides neither for the great charge necessary for putting the Navy into that repair which,—through the ill state of the stores, want of money, and the clamorous condition of the workmen in the yards,—they have required ever since the close of the late war; nor for the payment of any preceding year's debts; so that if the 200,000*l.* is strictly reserved for the current service, the discharging debts for past services, and fitting the Navy for service to come, will be wholly unprovided for.

The credit of the Navy, from failure of payment, and disappointment in receipt of money actually assigned, has come to that pass

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that we can get no further trust; so that if any part of this sum shall be called away for other uses, there will be a total stop to the present service.

Having observed the reproach our office has suffered, by submitting to see the stores, through want of money, supplied at dearer rates, and the advantage arising from of late being able to buy with ready money, we have resolved no more to carry on the service at any other than the market prices, without having first laid the case before his Royal Highness or you. We have been directed by the Lord Admiral to revive the method of governing ourselves by estimates on each particular service; the want of orderly supplies of money has occasioned the disuse of these, and the introduction of many irregularities, and an utter incapacity to distinguish the charge of any particular work. We desire either a further supply of money, or advice how to dispose of the 200,000*l.*, under its insufficiency to answer all.

We renew our request for a warrant that the money arising from the sale of lops, tops, and bark of trees, felled in his Majesty's forests for the use of the Navy, may be employed towards defraying the charge of felling, converting, and transporting the timber sent to the King's yards, as they are disposed of by the under-officers of the woods, to uses less advantageous to his Majesty than if employed for the Navy. Endorsed with a note that the lops and tops of trees felled for the Navy shall be used by the Commissioners, they giving an account thereof, and in particular what they made of those felled in Whittlewood Forest, and that his Majesty be acquainted with the contents of their letter; with addition, 8 Jan. 1669, that Sir J. Duncombe reported from his Majesty that the business was to be moved in Council; and further note that this was done 13 Jan. 1669. [2¼ *pages.* 6 *signatures. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 211.]

Dec. 29. Caveat in favour of Sir Wm. Coney, that nothing pass of the estate of John Fien, forfeited for killing a man. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 32, *p.* 3.]

Dec. 29. "The preparations and method necessary for the right keeping of distinct accounts for receipts and issues of the naval stores in the magazines of his Majesty's respective yards, and thereby giving each person entrusted with the said stores his due charge and discharge." First, what is necessary to be done in the Comptroller's Office: A distinct ledger to be kept of the bills sent up from the respective yards; with note of the letters of the instrument, which are to be entered into his book. A book to be kept of goods returned by boatswains and carpenters, and of the sale of old provisions. Stores supplied to be entered into the ledger for the yard, classified books being kept for each yard. An account to be taken of timber and plank from his Majesty's forests sent in by purveyors, to be sent up by the respective clerks of the cheque and storekeepers to the Comptroller's Office. Quarterly accounts to be kept and presented to the Board at the year's end.

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What is to be performed by the instruments employed in each of his Majesty's yards, giving in detail the duties to be performed respectively by the storekeeper, and clerk of the cheque. With note that at the new survey, the storekeeper is to make oath of his faithfulness in the producing to the surveyor whatever he stands charged with. Endorsed "Sir John Mennes' proposals touching the balancing of storekeepers' accounts." [9¼ *pages.* *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 250, *No.* 212.]

Dec. 29. M. Wren to the Navy Commissioners. The *York Merchant* bound for Barbadoes, ran on board the *Roebuck,* and broke away her bowsprit, but has left an anchor and cable behind, which the captain intends to get up and detain. Asks direction concerning them, for making good to the King the damage sustained by the *Roebuck.* With note that Capt. Liddell took up the anchor and cable. [*Ibid. No.* 213.]

Dec. 29. Victualling Office. Sir Denis Gauden to the Navy Commissioners. Knows not how to proceed in providing victuals for 5,000 men for 6 months, without the distribution to the respective ports, and the estimate of the value. [*Ibid. No.* 214.]

Dec. 30. Victualling Office. Same to the Same. Explains why he should not allow for 10 tuns of beer lost by leakage in the *Castle* merchant; the leakage was through no fault of his, but owing to the beer being kept longer than was intended, and other casks put upon it. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 251, *No.* 1.]

Dec. 30. Whitehall. Warrant to the Duke of York to order the Navy Commissioners to pay 100*l.* to Lawrence Heemskirk without account, for services performed. [*Ibid. No.* 2.]

Dec. Entry of the above, dated Dec. 31. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 26, *p.* 43.]

Dec. 30. Commission for James Gardiner, M.A., to be chaplain to the King's Guard of horse under the Duke of Monmouth. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 20, *p.* 188.]

Dec. 30. Grant of denization to Jacob Smith, native of Dantzic, in Prussia. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 96.]

Dec. 30. Warrant to Sir John Lenthall, with assistance of John Bradley and Rich. Carter, messengers in ordinary, to make diligent search in rooms pointed out by them in the King's Bench prison, for all seditious papers and pamphlets, and convey them to the Secretary of State. [*Ibid. f.* 97.]

[Dec. 30.] Draft of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 251, *No.* 3.]

Dec. 30. Presentation of Ralph Davenant to the sinecure rectory of Stepney, co. Middlesex, void by simony. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 19, *p.* 91.]

Dec. 30. Court at Whitehall. Order in Council referring to the Farmers of Customs the petition of Ant. Baron, and other owners of the ship *Blackamoor*—condemned by the Scottish Admiralty as a prize and bought by them—com-

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plaining that on her third voyage, she is stayed by the farmers of Customs, unless they pay duty on the goods as for an unfree ship. With their report, dated 4 Jan., that the said ship can only be considered as a free-built Scottish ship, wholly owned by the English, not as an English ship, and therefore may trade between the English coasts, but cannot import foreign goods into England. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 251, *No.* 4.]

Dec. 30. Court at Whitehall. Order in Council requesting the officers of Customs to give their reasons in writing for not entering as free ships 10 prize ships named, about which the owners have petitioned—they pleading that the ships were all adjudged prize in the Admiralty courts—that the grant of freedom of trade to aliens' ships was not discontinued till April last. Meanwhile, as the ships did not export nor import before 1 August last, no oath was tendered them by the Customs' officers, who now hesitate about entering them on paying duties as English free ships. [*See* 1669, *Jan.* 4. *Ibid. No.* 5.]

Dec. 30. Warrant to Sir John Curzon, Receiver of the Duchy of Lancaster to pay to John Ashburnham, groom of the bedchamber, 3,000*l.* for the King's present occasions. Receipted 2 Jan. 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 5A.]

Dec. 30. Lyme. Ant. Thorold to Hickes. A vessel has come in from Bordeaux, which left in company with 20 sail of English, bound for London and Bristol. She stopped at Brest, where they are building 3 ships of 50 or 60 guns each. Several vessels have sailed for France, Ostend, and other places. [*Ibid. No.* 6.]

Dec. 30. Portsmouth. Capt. Ant. Deane to Williamson. I send a list of [French] ships, but the new ones are omitted, not being yet launched. I will send all the letters I receive from my friend, and also a copy of the draft, as soon as made. Pray forward a letter enclosed, to satisfy my friend's wife. I enclose a letter in character (cypher) to my friend, to be exact in all the drafts of the ports. [*Ibid. No.* 7.]

Dec. 30. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. They are much troubled at Dover by so many French daily coming. The usual court has been held at St. James' Church for the examination and admission of pilots, when special notice was given that if any dared to go out of sight when any of his Majesty's ships had to be carried up, they would be immediately dismissed. [*Ibid. No.* 8.]

Dec. 30. Bristol. James Baskerville to Williamson. The fleet outward bound still lies in the Road. Christmas was kept after the late, but here usual custom. [*Ibid. No.* 9.]

Dec. 31. Milford. John Powell to Hickes. The *Star* of Topsham has arrived from Faroe, with oils and figs for London. [*Ibid. No.* 10.]

Dec. 31. Whitehall. Warrant to Sir Edw. Walker, Garter King-at-Arms, to allow to Henry Howard, next brother of Thomas, Earl of Arundel, restored to the dignity of Duke of Norfolk, the title of lord, and the same precedency as though his father, Henry, late Earl of Arundel, had been restored to the dukedom. Also to grant him all such ensigns and badges of honour as are fit for the second son of a duke. [$1\frac{3}{4}$ *pages. Ibid. No.* 11.]

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Dec. 31. Warrant to pay to Sir Sol. Swale 2,000*l.* on security of several lands in Yorkshire, he repaying the said sum by 100*l.* a year. [*Docquet, Vol.* 23, *No.* 304.]

Dec. 31. Navy Office, London. Warrant by Surveyor Thos. Middleton to the officers of the yard at Chatham, not to deliver canvas for tarpaulins to carpenters, except on the master shipwright or his assistant's certificate; they are to give warrant to the storekeeper, and he is to deliver it to the master sailmaker or his foreman, who are to make the same into tarpaulins, according to such directions as they shall receive; and when made, to deliver them to the boatswains of the ships at their going to sea, and to charge them by indent for them. Endorsed, "the 1st warrant about tarpaulins." [*Copy. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 251, *No.* 12.]

Dec. 31. The Downs. Capt. George Liddell, of the *Roebuck*, to Thos. Hayter. I desire you to order Wm. Griffin, the housekeeper at the Navy Office, to send me the tickets left by you in his care, and I will pay the charges. [*Ibid. No.* 13.]

Dec. 31. The *Roebuck*, Downs. Same to the Navy Commissioners. The ship lost on the Goodwin 9 days since came from Hamburg, had 24 guns mounted, and was laden with iron, copper, &c.; the Ramsgate and Deal boats have been there, but knows not what they got. One of the Holland East Indiamen left an anchor and cable behind, which has been weighed by Wm. Trebet, of Deal. The *Roebuck* is ready to sail, and only requires a small supply of rigging. [*Ibid. No.* 14.]

Dec. 31. Gosport. John Pitt, purser of the *St. George*, to Thos. Hayter. When the *St. George* was ordered for sea, Capt. Hubbard sent for me to London; after many delays I went down to Portsmouth to attend on the *Fairfax*, not being entered on the *St George*, but was discharged from the *Fairfax* by reason of absence. Remind Pepys of his promise to procure an order from the Board for my allowance, having been pricked out of victuals and wages, and at great charge while waiting in London for the *St. George's* going out. [*Ibid. No.* 15.]

Dec. 31. R. Waith to the Navy Commissioners. I have presented my book of imprests, and find that since the conclusion of Sir George Carteret's account, Sir Wm. Warren is chargeable with only one imprest of 600*l.* on the Earl of Anglesey's account, to enable him to pay the men of the *Great Duke of York*. The imprests he received from Sir George Carteret are all to clear, and are entered in his account ending 30 June 1667. I cannot tell what other imprests he has received by assignments on the Exchequer, wherein neither Treasurer has been concerned. I cannot ascertain when Sir G. Carteret's last account will be ready. [*Ibid. No.* 16.]

Dec. ? Petition of Capt. James Giear, of Weymouth, co. Dorset, to Lord Arlington, to consider whether matters contained in papers enclosed are suitable for a petition to the King. Lodged his Majesty at his house when in those parts 3 years ago, and certifying that he had lost 27,000*l.* by his loyalty, was affectionately commanded to attend

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at Whitehall for some recompense; has attended the Court at great expense ever since, but nothing has been found proper for him. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 251, *No.* 17.]

Dec. ? Petition of James Giear, of Weymouth, co. Dorset, to the King and Council, for some present support to prevent his utter ruin; has waited 3 years at his Majesty's commands, for reparation for his losses of 27,000*l.* [*Ibid. No.* 18.]

Dec. ? Petition of Sir George Reeve, Gentleman of the Privy Chamber, to the King, for consideration of his case. Sir Hen. Reeve, to whom he is executor, served the last 2 Kings 40 years, and died of a wound at Edgehill. Had a warrant 5 years since for payment of 500*l.*, due to his father by the late King, but has received no benefit from it. [*Ibid. No.* 19.]

Dec. Memoranda from the Signet Books of warrants, &c., passed during the month, the uncalendared portions of which are as follows:—

Grant to Wm. Bowles, of the Keepership of the Wardrobe at Greenwich during pleasure; fee, 8*s.* 4*d.* a day, with 4*d.* a day to a servant for airing the stuff, and 3*l.* yearly for fuel.

Note that Sir Wm. Godolphin, Envoy to Spain, has 500*l.* for equipage, 5*l.* a day paid 3 months in advance, and extras for postage, &c., as allowed by a Secretary of State.

Note that the Secretaries of State have their patents during pleasure, but 100*l.* a year for life; also 462*l.* 10*s.* quarterly during office, from the customs on unwrought wood.

Grant to John Brattle of the office of Assay Master of the Mint in the Tower.

Note that Ralph Montague, Master of the Horse to the Queen Mother, going Ambassador to France, had 1,500*l.* equipage, and 100*l.* a week maintenance, paid 3 months in advance, and intelligence money and extras allowed. [*S.P. Dom. Car. II.* 248, *No.* 186.]

Dec. ? List of 26 queries sent to Holland by Capt. Deane, of Portsmouth, as to how they build their ships of war in France; what ballast they put in; what boats and pinnaces they provide; how they press their mariners; what cables are used, and the yearly charge of mooring every ship; with the answer to each query. [4¾ *pages. Copy. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 251, *No.* 20.]

Dec. ? M. Joli to [Williamson]. I send news of friends, to be seen by no one but yourself and Lord [Arlington]. All the infantry companies in France which were at 100 men are being reduced to 80; this will dismiss 12,000 men. [*French. Ibid. No.* 21.]

Dec. ? Notice that the Commissioners chosen by the loyal officers of London and Westminster, to manage the plate lottery granted to them by the King for 6 years for their relief, wish to farm out the said lottery for the several counties, and are open to receive offers for the same, which are to be made through Thos. Marsh, Clerk-Assistant in Parliament, Great Almonry, near Westminster Abbey. [*Ibid. No.* 22.]

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Dec. ? Estimate of the expense of repairing 20 ships named, that have come into port since the general survey in September last, amounting to 9,147*l.* 10*s.* [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 251, *No.* 23.]

Dec. ? Reasons why the farmers of hearth money cannot accept of less than 27,000*l.* per annum for defalcations, or 20,000*l.* and four per cent. gratuity for the moneys advanced for the fire of London; their damages really amount to 50,000*l.*, but they are willing to accept the 20,000*l.*, or to surrender their farm, remitting the 20,000*l.* for the last 4 years, and to become accountants from the beginning. Endorsed, "Sir Rob. Vyner, defalcations upon the farm of hearth money." [*Ibid. No.* 24.]

Dec. Certificate by ——— Avery [keeper of Newgate] that at the gaol delivery at Old Bailey, 9 Dec. 1668, John Ludlow was convicted of stealing 14*s.* from Simon Sands, and sentenced to be transported, and meanwhile to be kept in custody without bail. [*Latin. Ibid. No.* 24A.]

Dec. Deal. Lists sent by Mor. Lodge, of Deal, to Williamson, of ships in the Downs, the state of the wind, arrival and departure of mails, &c., during the month, as follows:—

Vol. 251. No.	Date.	King's.	Merchants'.	Mail.		Wind.	Remarks.
				Arrival.	Departure.		
25	Dec. 1	1	14	None.	5 p.m.	S.W.	Two Hamburghers and a Flemish and Spanish man-of-war, with 40 outlandish vessels, are driven in by the weather.
26	" 3	1	4	None.	4 p.m.	N.E.	The merchant vessels are gone, with a fair wind.
27	" 4	1	1	None.	5 p.m.	N.E.	
28	" 5	1	3	None.	4 p.m.	N.E.	
29	" 6	0	10	None.	5 p.m.	N.E.	Two outward-bound ships went through without stopping.
30	" 7	1	12	None.	6 p.m.	N.W.	The wind blowing hard, 3 small pinks cannot be spoken with.
31	" 9	1	16	None.	4 p.m.	S.W.	Three Dutch East India ships, of 1,000 tons each, are put in by the winds.
32	" 13	2	11	None.	6 p.m.	S.W.	Several ships have passed through without being spoken.
33	" 14	2	18	None.	5 p.m.	W.	
34	" 15	2	20	None.	5 p.m.	S.W.	
35	" 18	1	18	None.	5 p.m.	S.S.E.	
36	" 19	1	19	None.	5 p.m.	S.	
37	" 20	1	20	None.	5 p.m.	S.S.E.	
38	" 21	1	21	None.	5 p.m.	W. by N.	
39	" 22	1	22	None.	5 p.m.	W. by N.	
40	" 23	1	20	None.	5 p.m.	N.W.	
41	" 24	1	25	None.	5 p.m.	N.W.	
42	" 26	1	3	None.	5 p.m.	E.	
43	" 27	1	1	None.	5 p.m.	S.	
44	" 28	1	2	None.	5 p.m.	N.W.	
45	" 29	2	2	None.	5 p.m.	N.W.	Two or three more ships are in, not yet boarded.
46	" 30	2	5	None.	5 p.m.	N.W.	
47	" 31	2	8	None.	5 p.m.	W.N.W.	

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Tenders of goods, addressed to the Navy Commissioners by merchants and manufacturers, as follows:—

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48	Jan. 23	Thos. Cox - -	Timber - -	43*s.* to 55*s.* per load.
49	Feb. 6	Edward Smith - -	„ - -	Various prices.
50	„ 6	Edmond Rayner -	Masts - -	
51	„ 29	Edward Hills - -	Ash - - -	35*s.* per load.
52	„ 29	Nich. Clements, and Peter Hasler - -	Timber - -	35*s.* and 36*s.* per load.
53	April 8	Jonas Shish - -	„ - -	£3 5*s.* to £4 8*s.* per load.
54	May 23	Sir Wm. Warren -	Deals - -	
55	June 2	Comr. John Taylor -	Timber - -	£3 6*s.* to £4 per load.
56	„ 23	John Moorcock -	„ -	£2 16*s.* to £3 per load.
	„ 23	„ „	„ Boats -	£3 5*s.* a load. 14*s.* a foot.
57	July 9	Thos. Thompson -	Oars, handspikes	Various prices.
58	„ 25	Thos. Bayly - -	Timber - -	
59	„ 30	Sir Wm. Warren -	„ - -	
60	„ 30	John Downing -	Anchors - -	
61	Aug. 4	George Body - -	Deals - -	Various prices.
62	„ 4	Peter Rich - -	Timber - -	„
63	„ 29	Wm. Harrington -	Wainscots -	24*s.* and 25*s.* a piece.
64	Nov. 10	Gabriel Stacey -	Balks - -	18s. and 36*s.* per dozen.
65	Dec. 1	Henry Blackborow -	Timber - -	£2 10*s.* per load.

Drafts or minutes of contracts, &c., with the Navy Commissioners for purchase of goods.

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66, 67	May 6	John Moorcock - -	Timber.
68	„ 23	Sir Wm. Warren - -	Deals.
69	July 7	Gabriel Stacey - -	„
70, 71	Oct. 3	John Mason - - -	Timber.
72	„ 17	[John] Clarke - -	„
73	Nov. 6	John Mayle and Wm. Hannant	„
74	„ 12	Sir Roger Twisden - -	„

General bill of mortality for London and Westminster, from 17 Dec. 1667 to 22 Dec. 1668. Christenings, 11,633; burials, 17,278; deaths by plague, 14. Increase in yearly burials, 1,436; decrease in deaths by plague, 21. [*Printed. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 251, *No.* 75.]

Weekly bills of mortality, as follows. [*Printed.*]

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76	12	July 21 — July 28	239	367	—	—	—	—	37
77	12	July 28 — Aug. 4	215	365	—	—	—	—	2
78	12	Aug. 4 — Aug. 11	233	328	1	1	—	—	37
79	11½	Sept. 8 — Sept. 15	237	333	—	—	—	16	—
80	11½	Sept. 15 — Sept. 22	243	362	—	—	—	29	—
81	11½	Oct. 13 — Oct. 20	267	342	—	—	—	—	70
82	11½	Nov. 3 — Nov. 10	240	313	—	—	—	—	30
83	11	Dec. 1 — Dec. 8	233	317	1	1	—	—	13
84	11	Dec. 8 — Dec. 15	231	334	—	—	1	17	—
85	11	Dec. 15 — Dec. 22	222	273	—	—	—	—	61
86	10	Dec. 22 — Dec. 29	217	287	—	—	—	14	—

Five weekly reports made by the Parish Clerks Company, from which the preceding tables are compiled. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 251, *No.* 87.]

UNDATED PETITIONS. All addressed to the King, unless otherwise stated.

John Archer, Wm. Jevers, and Nath. Jones, servants to the Queen Mother, for the reversion of an estate worth 400*l.* a year, discovered by them, which, on the decease of an aged man, will revert to the Crown for want of male issue. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 251, *No.* 88.]

Jonathan Atkins, Governor, and Wm. Sheldon, deputy-governor of Guernsey, to the Prize Commissioners, for a grant of a small privateer of St. Malo, of 5 guns, lately taken by the *Paradox*, and now at Cowes or Portsmouth. She would be of very great use to them, and they would set her out to sea and man her from the island. [*Ibid. No.* 89.]

A. Behn, for an order to Mr. May or Mr. Chiffinch for payment of the money due to Mr. Butler, she being threatened with an execution. [*Ibid. No.* 90.]

Aphara [or Fyhare] Behn, to order 150*l.* to be paid to Edw. Butler, who threatens to use all severity with her if it is not paid within a week. Mr. Halsall and Mr. Killigrew know how justly it is due. [*Ibid. No.* 91.] *Annexing,*

> *A. Behn to* [*Thos.*] *Killigrew. I must go to prison to-morrow if I have not the money to-night; they say I am dallied with, and will not allow a few days more. I would break through all, get to the King, and never rise till he had paid the money, but am too sick and weak. I will send my mother to the King with a petition, and not perish in a prison, whence he* [*Butler*] *swears I shall not stir till I have paid the uttermost farthing. If I have not the money to-night you must send me something to keep me in prison, for I will not starve.* [*Ibid. No.* 91I.]

Fyhare [or Aphara] Behn, not to let her suffer for what was done for his Majesty, but to order the payment of 150*l.* to Edw. Butler, who, on Lord Arlington's declaring that he had neither money nor orders about it, threw her into prison. [*Ibid. No.* 92.]

John Blanchard, for preservation of his life, and transportation, being seduced to share in a highway robbery; was seized by virtue of the late proclamation [23 Dec. 1668], and imprisoned in Newgate. [*Ibid. No.* 93.]

Mary Boynton, showing that in 1662 she spent most of her remaining fortune—much of which was lost by her brother, Col. Mat. Boynton, in his Majesty's service—in purchase of Bevill Skelton's pension of 120*l.* as page of honour; but that, after receiving half a year's profits, the pensions were stayed; begs that hers may still be paid, or her purchase money returned. [*Ibid. No.* 94.] *Annexing,*

> *Certificate by Bevill Skelton, of his sale of the aforesaid pension to Mary Boynton.—7 June* 1668. [*Ibid. No.* 94I.]

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Mayor, Common Council, &c., of Canterbury, on behalf of the inhabitants, to the House of Commons. Complain that by import of foreign worsted stuffs, and export of English wool, their trade—which is the combing of the rough wool grown in Romney Marsh, and other parts of Kent—is ruined. Request an Act for transporting bales of the combed wool of Kent by licence, on payment of 20*s.* per cwt., and appointment of persons to superintend the same; also for preventing the export of other wool, and import of foreign stuffs. With reasons showing the necessity of some such Act for the welfare of the county. [2 *sheets. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 251, *No.* 95.]

Nat. Cocks, for the reversion of the place of Keeper of the Council Chamber, after his father, George Cocks, his grandfather having filled the place under the two last Kings. With note by Lord Arlington that the petition is granted. [*Ibid. No.* 96.]

Manuel de Fonseca, factor for the Florentine and Spanish merchants interested in the ship *Earl of Flanders.* In Aug. 1666 the ship was seized by order of Prince Rupert, and the lading of wine disposed of to the use of the King's fleet, and it has not yet been paid for. In order to prevent the issuing of letters of reprisal, on 10 May 1667, Council ordered payment of 1,410*l.* for the wines, but after a year, the money not being paid, we begged that it might be paid from the 5,000*l.* a month reserved from the Customs, and you approved the petition. We beg payment of the money from the said Customs. [*Ibid. No.* 97.]

Dan. Fabureau de la Fabvollière "Ingenieur," to be put into a better capacity for serving, and have an order for payment of 350*l.* due to him, with constant payment of his allowance. His great extremities, these 5 years, for want of salary, compel him to be importunate. With notes of his transactions from 1664. [*Ibid. No.* 98.]

R. D. [Col. Rob. Duckinfield], for leave to go beyond seas with Lord ———. Was sent prisoner to the Tower, on suspicion of offences against his Majesty, and has been in custody there and in the Isle of Wight 3 years, although much diseased; hopes for clemency, in spite of the flying calumnies wherewith he has been aspersed. [*Col. Rob. Duckinfield was sent to the Tower in August* 1665; *see Calendar, p.* 534. *Ibid. No.* 99.]

Lieut.-Col. Thos. Duncan, for a special warrant for his arrears of pay as a reformed Lieut.-Colonel, his pay in Hull being but 8*d.* a day. Was in arms for the late King, raised 72 horse at his own charge, and lost 8,000*l.* Delivered to Col. Ant. Gilby, deputy-governor of Hull, his Majesty's letter of May 19, 1665, ordering him to be mustered as a reformado lieut-colonel of horse, but only received 16*l.*, and left the garrison 3 years since for Scotland; is 74 years old, in great trouble and misery, and begs the reformado's place of Capt. Gradey, lately dead. [*Ibid. No.* 100.] *Annexing,*

Reference to the Duke of Albemarle, of the petitioner's request for a reformado's place in Hull, 3 *Sept.,* 1664, *and his*

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report, 17 *Sept., that his Majesty should order Lord Belasyse, Governor of Hull, to admit him to a company there, duty free.* [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 251, *No.* 100I.]

Pass by the Lord General for Col. Thos. Duncan to go into Scotland to his wife and children, and return.—27 *June* 1665, *Cockpit.* [*Ibid. No.* 100II.]

Note of a letter, dated 19 *May* 1665, *recommending Lieut.-Col. Thos. Duncan to Hull.* [*Ibid. No.* 100III.]

Thos. Elliot, Groom of the Bedchamber, for a grant of lands in Ireland, value 800*l.* a year, hitherto concealed. [*Ibid. No.* 101.]

John Hall, his Majesty's servant, for payment to him of 1,420*l.* due to Capt. Peter Forterne, for coin delivered for the army in Ireland, the debt being transferred to him as part of 2,000*l.* owed to him by the captain. Details his sundry petitions, and references thereon. [*Ibid. No.* 102.] *Annexes,*

Form of a warrant to Sir John Curzon, Receiver-General of the Duchy of Lancaster, to pay to John Hall, particular receiver of the Duchy for cos. Gloucester, Monmouth, and Hereford, 1,420*l., debt due to Capt. Peter Forterne, and assigned to him,* 1668. [*Ibid. No.* 102I.]

Thos. Hudson, gunner of Upnor Castle, for the place of gunner also of the Queen's and James' forts on the Medway; did good service in the attempt of the Dutch there. [*Ibid. No.* 103.]

Sir Wm. Killigrew. Brought the pin business into his Majesty's hands, reserving Boteler's interest and his own 500*l.* a year; and if 20,000*l.* from the Queen's portion, or the Dunkirk money, had been expended on it as proposed, it would have yielded 10,000*l.* a year; for want of this, other contractors have undertaken it who, to yield his Majesty 5,000*l.* clear profit, have required petitioner to surrender his pension, which he has done; requests its restoration, and a pension from the Exchequer of 500*l.* more. [*See* 1664, Sept. 6. *Ibid. No.* 104.]

Peter Massonnet to Lord Arlington. Is the saddest object of pity of all the King's servants. Has attended 32 years as French sub-tutor and writing master, served him in adversity as Clerk of the patents and Foreign Secretary, but at the Restoration, had only his sub-tutor's salary continued, now 833*l.* in arrear, so that he is ready to perish; will resign his patent for the arrears and some recompense. [*Ibid. No.* 104A.]

Same to the Same, to represent his sad condition to the King, to procure him half his arrears or a year's salary; his wife has now only 20*l.* a year, and 5*s.* a day as the King's laundress, all extras having been taken away. Is in daily danger of outlawry. [*Ibid. No.* 104B.]

Dowager Countess of Lincoln. On her marriage with Theophilus, late Earl of Lincoln, he settled on her the manors of Threckingham

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and Stow, Lincolnshire, which were incumbered with an annuity to him of 60*l.* He afterwards settled other lands on Sir John Mounson, K.B., and Rob. Hall as her trustees, to dispose of for her use, paying him 10*l.* weekly for life, leaving her also his goods in London, &c. On his death, his executors refusing to act, she was induced to allow Edward, present Earl, to take out letters of administration, on promise to make good all that belonged to her; but now he keeps most of her goods, refuses to free her jointure from incumbrance, &c.; begs assistance therein. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 251, *No.* 105.]

——— Morpain, to be put in the lottery for indigent officers; came over from Holland with the Queen Mother, and served 11 or 12 years without pay; served his Majesty when leaving Paris after the accommodation with the Duke of Lorraine, by disengaging 3 little boats laden with his baggage, which were arrested. Is deprived of his place in the Guards, held 6 or 7 years, for being a Catholic, and no compensation allowed. [*French. See Calendar,* 1667–68, *p.* 53. *Ibid. No.* 106.]

The gentlemen excluded from the troops of Life Guards of Horse in 1667, and some reformed officers. Beg him to find them bread; spent their youth and blood, and underwent all hardships short of death, for his Majesty and his father, and now a fate worse than death awaits them, being made incapable of employment. [*Ibid. No.* 107.]

Eleven underwritten officers, for relief to bear their charges to foreign service, being told there is no hope for them here; served with satisfaction in Portugal, though not made equal to others who were not Catholics; petitioned on their return for subsistence, but have waited many days in vain. [*Ibid. No.* 108.]

The field officers and captains who lately commanded the English horse in Portugal, for admission to the Horse or Foot Guard of several of the foot soldiers, who have no other means to obtain a livelihood. [*Ibid. No.* 109.]

The officers of the Marquis of Schomberg's regiment of horse in Portugal, for orders to ride in his troop of Guards, being recalled home, and dismissed from their employments. With two schedules of their names. [*Ibid. No.* 110.]

Peter Parker and Sam. Symmons to Lord Arlington, for discharge from restraint for printing a book entitled "Christ's Famous Titles"; bought it from one Calvert, who said it would be licensed; intended to obtain the licence before finishing the book. [*Ibid. No.* 111.]

Veronica, widow of Col. Rich. Platt, to Lord Arlington, for relief to keep a poor stranger from perishing; is the distressed widow recommended by Lord Aubigny, without whose charity she must have perished in prison; her husband spent his whole estate in service of the late King. [*Ibid. No.* 112.]

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Same to the Earl of Bristol, to obtain a letter from the King, recommending to the Governor of Flanders her son, dismissed from the Guards for religion, sent into Flanders, but disbanded a year after, he not having the allowance of 2*s.* a day, as other disbanded Catholics. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 251, *No.* 113.]

William, Lord Sandys. Queen Elizabeth granted Burleigh Walk, in the New Forest, to William, late Earl of Pembroke, for a term nearly ended, and the present Earl has granted his interest therein to Hen. Neville, who made it over to Rob. Reade. His Majesty granted him the reversion of the Walk, and he begs a warrant for it, the Earl of Pembroke having no right in the same. [*Ibid. No.* 114.] *Annexing,*

> *Note of request of the Earl of Pembroke for a renewal of his lease, now nearly expiring, of Burleigh Walk, as it has been held by his family* 100 *years.* [*Ibid. No.* 114i.]

Thos. Skynner, merchant, for justice or recommendation of his case to Parliament. The House of Lords ordered him relief for damages amounting to 18,463*l.* 2*s.* 10*d.*, sustained from the East India Company, by seizure of pepper and other goods on his island, Barella, but the order was obliterated from the journals, as a means of general reconcilement, and Lord Ashley has failed to fulfil his promise of relieving him. [*See Calendar* 1667–8, *p.* 382. *Ibid. No.* 115.]

Dame Mary Staresmore, now wife of Capt. Wm. Sheldon, Lieut.-Governor of Guernsey. The grant to her of 200*l.* a year from the Exchequer is 5 years in arrear; her husband has received nothing for his 4 years' service as Lieut.-Governor; begs a warrant to Sir Rob. Long, auditor of the Exchequer, to pay her arrears. [*Ibid. No.* 116.]

Sir Thos. Strickland, farmer of the duties on foreign salt, for reduction of his rent for the first year, and further settlement thereof. The Lords of the Treasury were ordered to examine the accounts, and found, after charges, only a balance of 485*l.* 8*s.* 3¾*d.* due to him, although from the plague and war, more Spanish and French salt was imported than usual; therefore he would have been 774*l.* 11*s.* 8¼*d.* deficient of the rent for that year, had he not been made an accountant by favour. [*Ibid. No.* 117.]

Henry Thomas, for the arrears of his pension of 40*l.*, unpaid since Michaelmas 1666, or a subsistence from the privy purse; he and his family must have starved, but for the charity of a gardener, who trusted them with roots for their support. [*Ibid. No.* 118.]

John Thorley of Staffordshire, for a blank warrant for a baronet, to retrieve his ruined fortunes; served the late King in the wars, and raised horse and foot at his own charge, for his Majesty at Worcester, whereby he sold and mortgaged an estate of 700*l.* a year, and is in extreme want. [*Ibid. No.* 119.] *Annexing,*

> *Case of John Thorley, as stated in the above petition, which his Majesty ordered him to set down in writing.* [*Ibid. No.* 119i.]

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Two certificates by W. Carlos, in his behalf, that he served under him at Worcester, and showed great zeal in his Majesty's cause, 11 *April and* 22 *May* 1668. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 251, *Nos.* 119II, 119III.]

John Webb, surveyor assistant for the works at Greenwich. Had a grant in 1660 of the reversion after Sir John Denham of the surveyorship of works, but Sir John opposed its passing the Great Seal. Has been employed at Greenwich, about the fortifications at Woolwich, and on the Whitehall theatre, where he made discoveries in the scenical art, and has received only a salary of 200*l.* a year for Greenwich, so slowly paid that he has spent 1,000*l.* of his own estate; cannot now act under Mr. Wren, who is by far his inferior, but if joined in the patent with him, will instruct him in the course of the office of works, of which he professes ignorance. [*Ibid. No.* 120.]

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Licence to Ernest Augustus, Duke of Brunswick and Luneburg and Bishop of Osnaburg, and to George William, Duke of Brunswick and Luneburgh, to export 16 horses and 20 couple of dogs, duty free. [*Copy. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 251, *No.* 121.]

Warrant for a grant to Benj. Coling, of the office of waiter in the port of London, in place of Thos. Phillipps, deceased, salary 200*l.*, with fees. [*Draft. Ibid. No.* 122. *See Calendar* 1667–8, *p.* 573.]

Request that the King would grant to Sir Ant. Desmarces the Dutch prize, the *Three Kings,* laden with timber and brought into Leith, in consideration of his journeys beyond sea last year and this, wherein his life was in hazard, and he lost 700*l.*, being plundered by a French privateer, &c. [*Ibid. No.* 123.]

Warrant for a lease to Hen. Howard, on rental of 20 marks, of certain tenements and shops in Fetter Lane, Holborn, vested of right in the Crown, giving him 2 years for recovery thereof. Endorsed is a draft of the above with considerable variations. [*Ibid. No.* 124.]

Request for a pass for 4 tuns of wine, marked C.R., now in the Thames, come from Rouen for the King. [*French. Ibid. No.* 125.]

Warrant that Col. John Lambert [prisoner in Jersey], who had some liberty granted him in November 1661, which was afterwards abridged, on suit being now made in his behalf, be restored to his former privileges. [*Draft. Ibid. No.* 126.]

Whitehall. Warrant for a grant to Nath. Ludlow and Edw. Boswell of the manors of Husborne-Tarrant, Ibrop and Upton, and sundry coppices, co. Hants, mortgaged in 1664 to Edm. Ludlow, sen., as security for 2,600*l.* with interest, and forfeited to him; on his death they came to Edm. Ludlow, his heir-at-law, and he being attainted of treason, they are escheated to the Crown; also of all principal, interest, and damages due for the mortgage. [*Ibid. No.* 127.]

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Request for a pass for George Munroe, a Scotch trumpeter, who lived 5 years with Lord Carberry, and wants to gain a living by his trumpet in France. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 251, *No.* 128.]

Warrant for a grant to George Smyth, on surrender of Sam. Trist, of the office of one of the 16 serjeants-in-arms; wage 3*s.* a day, and 2*s.* 6*d.* a day in lieu of board wages. [*Parchment, damaged. Ibid. No.* 129.]

Whitehall. The King to the Lord Keeper. The rolls of the Court of Common Pleas being grown numerous, injured for want of room, and useless for want of calendars, you are to direct that those from the end of Rich. II. to the beginning of Edw. VI. be delivered to the treasurer and chamberlains of the Exchequer, by them to be kept, and fitted with proper calendars. [*Ibid. No.* 130.]

The King to [Sir John Denham ?]. Sir John Robinson having represented the unseemliness of the Tower since the removal of houses about it, and the narrowness of the moat, orders were given for its widening, for fencing the wharf, securing the iron gate, &c., which are begun, according to a pattern of Sir Bernard de Gomme. You are to make and present to Council an estimate for completion of the scheme, and meanwhile to proceed with the work. [*Ibid. No.* 131.]

The King to the Master, &c., of Peterhouse, Cambridge. We recommend Rich. Baldwer, B.A., scholar of the college, to a fellowship of the old foundation, and after his year's probation, to return him perpetual fellow, not preferring "any nice circumstance or exception before the dutiful regard you owe to us, and to the power of our prerogative." Endorsed, "D. Richmond." [*Copy. Ibid. No.* 132.]

The King to Dr. Mews, President, and the Fellows of St. John's College, Oxford. We request you to grant a dispensation of absence to Josiah Smith, fellow there, who resides as chaplain to Sir Wm. Drake, of Shardelows, co. Bucks, he and his family being remote from the parish church. [*Copy. Ibid. No.* 133.]

Lord Arlington to Lord Craven. I recommend Walter Brice, whose education makes him more suitable for civil than military employment. Endorsed [by Williamson] "My lord's hand counterfeited." [*Ibid. No.* 134.]

Lord Arlington ? to M. Huggens. I request you to procure the renewal of a passport from the Duke of York, for a vessel of Rotterdam, laden with bricks and other materials for the King's house at Plymouth, that already given being of no use, because the time elapsed without the vessel's getting away; the present pass to be not limited in time, but for one voyage only. [*French. Draft by Williamson. Ibid. No.* 135.]

Lord Arlington ? to Roger L'Estrange. I assure you in the King's name that neither George Larkin, whose wife, by his direction, has been useful in the late discovery of seditious pamphlets, nor any other journeymen printers for whom he has mediated, shall suffer

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for their past composing, printing, or dispersing the said pamphlets, provided they answer questions, and own their examinations. [*Draft. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 251, *No.* 136.]

Anon. to Lord [Arlington.] The farmers of Excise, on complaint of a loss of 30,000*l.* during the plague, obtained a defalcation of 21,000*l.*, whereby they really gained 12,000*l.*, and to avoid discovery, the accounts of those 19 weeks were conveyed away. Since then, they demand allowance of 38,000*l.* more for the contagion, the late fire in London, and the hard frosts. These are as false pretences as the former, for after abatements, they only pay 9,000*l.* rent monthly, instead of 11,666*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* Whilst the brewers are farmers of excise, they will be constantly pretending to be losers, and yet fill their own pockets; they have menaced officers for bringing informations against them, and since the renovation of the farm, they abate each other secretly the officers' charge. The brewers at first pretended they would bear any loss on the farm themselves, and would rather pay 10,000*l.* more to have it in quiet. Proofs of their fraudulent conduct in pretending losses. Proposal that their books should be called for and inspected, that the chief farmers should submit to inquiries, and meanwhile that all defalcations should be suspended. [2 *sheets. Ibid. No.* 137.]

Fras. Buller to Williamson. I could not meet with you at your office, and if anything is to be done, this is the last day; I am at Mr. Church's house, Suffolk Street. [*Ibid. No.* 138.]

Jos. Cartoni to [Williamson ?]. I am ordered by Peter Vandeput to let you know that Capt. Castel, bringing wine for the King, is at Dover, but cannot come into the river for want of mariners. Orders must be given accordingly. [*Italian. Ibid. No.* 139.]

Arnold Cunningham to the King. I request a favourable answer to the Prince of Orange, about continuance of the Scots' staple port at Campvere; an order to the 3 Scottish Commissioners coming to settle the same to have special regard to the interest of the Prince of Orange in Campvere; and also attention to my petition about my disbursements in 1651, that I may be able to return home with success. [*See p.* 139 *infra. Ibid. No.* 140.]

M. Dumas to [M. de la Fabvollière]. I ask nothing more than what you have written to me. I would come with pleasure to serve you. Endorsed [by Williamson], "Dumas, when agent from France, in the time of the war; [De] la Fabvollière, found among his papers when seized, 1668." [*Ibid. No.* 141.]

R. Gerald to Mr. Richards. My master wants a sight of the Tangiers charter if Mr. Williamson can get him one. [*Ibid. No.* 142.]

Rob. Gorges to Mrs. B —— L —— at Mr. W's. house, High St., Bristol. Love-letter, making her an offer of marriage. [*Ibid. No.* 143.]

Sir Dan. Harvey to the King. Report of the repairs necessary in the Park under his charge [New Park?], which is the best park that is left, for restoring and preserving the deer, &c.; no groom or huntsman should be allowed a key, as they steal the fawns, nor should the serjeants of the buckhounds have access when his Majesty is not there, as they kill the deer, instead of training the hounds. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 251, *No.* 144.]

Wednesday, Pall Mall. Sir Sam. Morland to Williamson. I cannot possibly provide the papers requested under 4 or 5 days; I have sent a few, and will wait on you to speak to you thereon. [*Ibid. No.* 145.]

Capt. Jeffrey Peirce to the Navy Commissioners. I desire an order to Mr. Whitfield to make out a ticket for the residue of my pay due in 1666. [*Ibid. No.* 146.]

Sir Thos. Peyton to Williamson. I wish my letters directing to my house beyond Canterbury, instead of to Sittingbourne, as Gilpin, who is likely to be postmaster there, is fanatic and immoral, and a former creature of Pride and Sir Mich. Livesey. Wm. Webb, an old servant of mine, admitted by Lord Arlington a year ago, is likely to leave it on the terms required of him. [*Ibid. No.* 147.]

Wednesday. Katherine, Lady Ranelagh to Williamson. I hear something is to be done in my petition; I hope that it may be referred to some Lords of the Council, my brother Orrery to be one, and that their allegations in support of it may be heard, and also what Mr. Champanty, agent to the last Lord Willoughby, can allege, as to the particulars claimed by us. I beg your aid. [*Ibid. No.* 148.]

Wm. Ryley, jun., to [Williamson?]. Detail of the services and sufferings of my late father, Wm. Ryley, sen., who served in the Records from 1626 till 1667; he was prosecuted for supplying the late King with records, &c., his study at the Herald's Office sealed up, and an entry made in their books that "Ryley told the King that he had records to prove the Parliament traitors." As Herald, he proclaimed his Majesty on 8 May 1660, but his rich coat having been plundered in the wars, he obtained an order from the Earl of Manchester, Speaker of the House of Lords, to take down King James' rich coat of arms from Henry VII.'s chapel, to perform the solemnity, which was returned the next day.

I was myself admitted clerk in the Record Office in 1647, and was wounded, fighting for the King at Worcester; in 1660, I aided my father in sorting the Scottish records, when we found the original of the "Solemn League and Covenant," and refused 2,000*l.* offered by the Scots to deliver it up. I have since drawn up records, made searches, &c., for Government. I beg help from Lord Arlington, and some allowance, as was customary, for transcribing records for the King and Parliament, my family being ready to perish. [3 *pages. Ibid. No.* 149.]

London, Saturday. [Col.] Hen. Staniers to Williamson. The Duke has given me leave to go to France, so I want a pass, and then only wait your commands. [*See Calendar,* 1667–8, pp. 173, 253. *Ibid. No.* 150.]

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Rob. Waith to [Pepys]. Desires instructions as to allowing 25*l*. 17*s*. paid as board wages by Mr. Laurence to several shipwrights sent from Deptford to Sheerness, in June 1666. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 251, *No.* 151.]

Note of a request by the Duke of Albemarle, for a piece of ground in the Blue Mews, 90 ft. by 55, between Sir Wm. Armorer's garden and the King's stable, whereon to build a stable, coach-houses, &c. [*Ibid. No.* 152.]

Request that John Banks of Branthwaite, parish of Dean, Cumberland, may be excused his chimney money, which is but one chimney. Noted [by Williamson] "To be sent to my brother." [*Ibid. No.* 153.]

Note of a request to Lord Arlington, that Wm. Beiston of Jamaica, who has wrongfully possessed himself of an estate value 2,000*l*., and has a *ne exeat regnum* executed upon him, may not obtain licence for his departure, under sign manual. [*Ibid. No.* 154.]

Note that Mr. Bennet, attorney of Cheshire, is recommended by Dr. Tillotson to Lord Shrewsbury, as steward of his estate in Cheshire. [*Ibid. No.* 155.]

Request by Rob. Benson, that Sir Edm. Jennings will not take part with Sir Phil Monckton in the prosecution against him; does not think he exceeded his orders. [*Ibid. No.* 156.]

Note by H. Brouncker, that the privy seal for payment of 9,750*l*. for a great pair of diamond pendants, and 1,200*l*. for a pair of pearl pendants, must be payable into the privy purse. [*Ibid. No.* 157.]

Statement of the particular services performed by Thos. Bushell for the late King, in supplying his army with clothes, arms, and lead for bullets, raising 1,000 stout miners for a life-guard, and a troop of horse to attend his person, for which he had a 21 years' lease of the customs on lead.

Details of his services also to his present Majesty, by giving intelligence of a plot in Cromwell's time to murder him and the Duke of York, by bribing the agents, who translated the cabalistic characters of their letters, by which the persons were discovered, and the hellish design prevented; continued also to give intelligence, till his agent was discovered and hanged at his own door. Since the Restoration, he advanced the customs 9,000*l*. beyond the contract with the late Lord Treasurer, but though his grant of the farm of the export on lead was ordered by Council, he has been delayed 6 years from receiving any benefit. [*Ibid. No.* 158.]

Case of Monsieur Choqué, surgeon to Prince Rupert. The Duke, by order of 5 May 1668, directed us [the Navy Commissioners ?] to pay him at the same rate that the surgeon was paid who attended his own person, from 7 Sept. 1664, the time of the fleet's going forth for Guinea, to that of the Prince's being paid off; but the Prince never received wages, only sums under the name of his Majesty's free gift, without mention of any consideration whatever. No one ever received any allowance of wages as the Duke's surgeon, but was paid

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for medicines and instruments, and Mr. Choqué has had the same, and also 20*l.* a month for his attendance on the Prince between February and Dec. 1666, [1⅓ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 251, *No.* 159.]

Bill of 5*l.* 10*s.* from Nich. Copley, messenger of the chamber, sent 1 Nov. 1668 from Lord Arlington to the Duke of Buckingham. [*Ibid. No.* 160.]

Statement by Sir John Denham, that the lease of his buildings, as described, which has 46 years to run, is worth 13 years' purchase, and should let at 1,240*l.* a year; but that he is willing to accept the King's offer of 7,000*l.*, his own life not being worth 7 years' purchase, or an annuity of 1,200*l.*, provided the receipt of it may be easy. [*Ibid. No.* 161.]

Statement of the great delays which, owing to the Dutch war, &c., have arisen in presenting the petition of Sir Edw. Ford, on behalf of the Royal Fishing Company, to coin farthings; the Commissioners [for fishery] agreed with him for 5*s.* in the pound on 80,000 to be made in the year. Sir Edward urges the completion of the matter, as the only apparent mode of supporting the fishing. The King has often declared against private persons having liberty to coin, and if any should obtain it, the great labours of the company would be frustrated. [*Ibid. No.* 162.]

Request by John Harrison, commander of the ship *Prince,* bound for Virginia, for a pass and protection, being laden for the voyage, and lying at great charges. [*Ibid. No.* 163.]

Request on behalf of the late Major Thos. Heron, that the share which he should have had in the Irish lottery, granted for the indigent officers of the late King, may be given for the maintenance of his child, he being plundered of all his estate, while in the King's army. [*Ibid. No.* 164.]

Statement that on 24 Aug. 1664, the King granted a court of pleas in the manors of Hackney and Stepney, for actions not exceeding 5*l.*, to Sir Wm. Smith in trust, on nomination of the Earl of Cleveland and Lord Wentworth; that after Lord Wentworth's death, the Earl appointed John Pilkington prothonotary of the court; that there being some defect in his patent, a new one was drawn out, but not completed till after the Earl's death, when it was taken out by Lady Wentworth and Sir Wm. Smith, who have put a stranger into the office of prothonotary. Pilkington has exhibited a bill in Chancery for recovery of his office, but they swear that the grant was intended solely as a provision for Lady Wentworth; therefore, in case of the death of Lord Wentworth's daughter without heirs, Lady Lovelace, who would then be next heir to the late Earl, will lose the benefit of it. Lord Arlington, who was instrumental in obtaining the patent, can best say whether the King intended it only for Lord and Lady Wentworth or for the Earl of Cleveland, Lord Wentworth, and their heirs. [*Ibid. No.* 165.]

Note that Col. Slingsby lost his fee of 76*l.* a year as Deputy of the Isle of Wight, on being removed to the Prize Office, where he was

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only 16 months, and has been 14 without any salary. He requests a gift of 75*l.*, in addition to an allowance of 32*l.* for incident charges granted him by the Prize Commissioners. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 251, *No.* 166.]

Memorial of the case between the City of London and Sir Rob. Vyner and the farmers of hearth money. The city had a grant, 19 July 1664, of 100,000*l.*, and another, 24 Nov. 1664, of 110,000*l.* with interest and charges, as repayment of a debt, and the hearth money was to be paid in at once to the Chamberlain of London.

On March 30, 1666, the King let the duty to farm, on payment of 270,000*l.* in advance, with covenants to repay first the city debts, of which 50,000*l.* was already paid. The farmers paid the city certain sums, but the city complains against the farm as injuring their security; the farmers request that, as all the city money will be repaid in 12 months, no change may be made, or at least that their counsel may be heard thereon. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 167.]

Arguments in the case of ——— Waller and Mr. Bowers, that the dispensation in general terms granted in March 1665, for free import of goods from Germany, Flanders, and France, was not obviated by the Proclamation, made 9 days after, as pretended by the prosecutor, because 6 months was allowed, and in the proclamation of 23 Aug. 1667, 6 months are granted before recalling dispensations. Also that the word "spicery" in the Act for Regulation of Customs was a mistake, as it was only intended to include such spices as could not be imported by our East India Company. [*Ibid. No.* 168.]

Certificate by Dr. John Fell, Vice-Chancellor of Oxford, that [Rich.] White, of St. Mary Hall, was nominated by him proctor for 1668. [*Copy. Ibid. No.* 169.]

John Wood's case, showing that the bailiwick of Godley, Surrey, granted to Thos. Beauchamp, of Fulham, by the Queen Mother, was by him granted to Wm. Cook, in trust for John Wood, but that Beauchamp refuses to allow Wood to act, and appoints others to receive the profits, and yet claims from him the yearly consideration; he requests redress. Endorsed [by Williamson], "Mr. Wood's case; speak with Beauchamp." [*Ibid. No.* 170.]

Answer of Thos. Yeabsley and John Lanyon to the information of Rich. Mitchell and Isaac Burton, vindicating themselves from any design to defraud the King, in reference to the freighting of the ship *Tiger*. [*Ibid. No.* 171.]

Memorandum [by an officer of the Exchequer], relative to an accountant not named. Before much of the imprest money was paid to the accountant, there was borrowed of Sir George Carteret, Navy Treasurer, by order of the Lord Treasurer and Lord Ashley, of 14 July 1665, for this service, 1,000*l.*, and on 6 March 1666, 550*l.* There was also borrowed of Sir Steph. Fox, paymaster of the Guards, and of Col. Legg, Lieutenant of Ordnance, 500*l.* each. Also of money delivered the accountant by Wal. Vaughan, receiver of the Royal Aid for co. Pembroke, there was borrowed 950*l.* on 18 Oct. 1665, for the use of the Wardrobe; total, 3,500*l.* This

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money being all repaid to the respective persons, I did not give it a charge and discharge in the account, but inserted it at the foot. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 251, *No.* 172.]

State of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, to the governors of which the King gave permission during pleasure, on account of their losses by the fire, to convert the rooms in their great cloister—providing otherwise for the poor—into 17 shops, by the rents of which they were able to maintain sick and wounded soldiers and seamen, &c. With reasons why the said grant should be longer continued. [*Ibid. No.* 173.]

Note of a place void in the hospital [for maimed seamen] at Clun, Shropshire; value, 8*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* a year, with a gown, chamber, garden, &c. [*Ibid. No.* 174.]

List of 11 despatches [signed and sent off] by Lord Arlington. [*Ibid. No.* 175.]

Memoranda [by Williamson] on the modes of dissolving or proroguing Parliament, by proclamation, commission, &c., in answer to a query as to whether a Parliament may be dissolved by proclamation simply. [*Ibid. No.* 176.]

List of 9 names [as agents for the Royal Aid], including Sir W. Doyley, Sir Rich. Browne, Sir Hen. Vernon, [Rob.] Scawen, and Mr. Hopton. Endorsed [by Williamson], "Mr. Hopton." [*Ibid. No.* 177.]

Note of the fees of Mr. Hancock and the Duke of Northumberland's offices in the Crown Office, Hanaper Office, &c. [*Ibid. No.* 178.]

"Abstract of guards and garrisons paid by Sir Steph. Fox," total yearly expense, 147,043*l.* 10*s.* 5*d.*, with the additions made since the Dutch war, 35,315*l.* 2*s.* [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 179.]

Instructions by Prince Rupert, Duke of Albemarle, Earl Craven, and 3 others to Capt. Wm. Stannard, commander of the *Eaglet* ketch, and Capt. Zachariah Guillam, commander of the *Nonsuch* ketch, in relation to a voyage undertaken to Hudson's Bay for trading purposes, and also to find out a north-west passage. [4 *pages. Ibid. No.* 180.]

Memorandum for Lord Arlington of reasons why the Scottish trade and staple should continue at Campvere; the old contract ought not to be broken, it has been settled these 160 years or more: the town has benefited little by it during the late wars. The town sheltered the Scots, and made them *pro formâ* burghers during the wars between England and Holland; it is the most convenient and best situated place in the Low countries, and belongs to the King's nephew, the Prince of Orange. The Scottish merchants generally, and Sir Wm. Davidson, the present conservator, incline to remain there. Campvere is willing to continue them on the old contract till a new one can be made, and will grant them all that can reasonably be demanded. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 181.]

Proposal by Cressy Dymoke of a new and better art of agriculture in England, by employing more land for tillage, according to

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his mode, whereby only one-fifth of the present quantity of corn used for seed is required; and if he could obtain sufficient stock, he could employ all the poor in England. With request for an advance for stock, and answers to objections. [*Printed. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 251, *No.* 182.]

Arguments for and against the laying an additional imposition on Swedish iron, of which 12,000 tons a year are brought in lately; it is better and tougher than the English, and being sent in melted, does not consume our timber; if the duty were laid, the Swedes might in revenge heighten the impositions on their other necessary commodities, as pitch, &c. On the other hand, its import reduces the decaying manufacture in England, throws the poor out of work, and would much lower the price of coppice wood. [*Ibid. No.* 183.]

Notes [by Williamson] of directions for worthily receiving the Blessed Sacrament. Before receiving, knowledge, repentance, faith, charity; at the receiving, meditation and affection; after the receiving, sanctification and a holy life. [*Ibid. No.* 184.]

"A looking glass for George Fox, the Quaker, and other Quakers, wherein they may see themselves to be right devils. In answer to George Fox his book called 'Something in answer to Lodowick Muggleton's book, which he calls The Quakers' neck broken.' Wherein is set forth the ignorance and blindness of the Quakers' doctrine of Christ within them; and that they cannot, nor doth not, know the true meaning of the Scriptures, neither have they the gift of interpretation of Scripture." By Lodowick Muggleton, one of the two last prophets and witnesses unto the High and Mighty God, the man Christ Jesus in glory. [4*to. Printed.* 96 *pages. Ibid. No.* 185.]

London. "A few sober queries upon the late proclamation for enforcing the laws against conventicles, &c., and the late vote of the House of Commons, for renewing the said Act for 3 years more; proposed to the serious consideration of the King's Majesty, with his two Houses of Parliament." By one that earnestly desires the prosperity of England. [4*to. Printed.* 14 *pages. Ibid. No.* 186.]

London. "The world's mistake in Oliver Cromwell; or, a short political discourse, showing that Cromwell's mal-administration (during his 4 years and 9 months' pretended protectorship) layed the foundation of our present condition in the decay of trade." [4*to. Printed.* 20 *pages. Ibid. No.* 187.]

Advertisement that the visitation sermon of Rob [Sanderson], late Bishop of Lincoln, is printed in folio separately, so as to be bound with the reprint of his sermons in folio, and is sold by H. Brome, of St. Paul's Churchyard, London, and Rich. Davis, bookseller of Oxford. [*Ibid. No.* 188.]

Note by Jas. Howell that Mr. Prynne's book, now reprinting, contains the instrument by which King John made England feudatory to Rome, and which it is not fitting now to have revived. [*Damaged. Ibid. No.* 189.]

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List of memoirs, political and other works, to be found at Peter le Grand's, Amsterdam. [*French. 4 columns. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 251, *No.* 190.]

Memoranda [by Williamson] of 10 titles of works. Endorsed, "Memoirs out of Holland." [*French. Ibid. No.* 191.]

List of 20 works, chiefly on English history, of which Mr. Puffend[orf] desires to know the price; with prices affixed to many. [*Ibid. No.* 192.]

Similar list, with prices to each work. [*Ibid. No.* 193.]

Note that Mr. Drummond, bookseller, now in Holland, can inform where the books "Vox et Lacrementum [Lacrimæ] Anglorum" and "The Painter," are printed. [*Ibid. No.* 194.]

"The present State of England," seemingly headings for a treatise on the government of England, the present Royal family, the clergy, nobility and commonalty, and ecclesiastical, legal, and military establishments. [*Similar to the contents of Chamberlayne's "State of England." Ibid. No.* 195.]

"The Hawkers desired to stand." List of *Mercuries*, and of hawkers, many of whom are women, [appointed to sell them ?]. [*Ibid. No* 196.]

Song with a chorus, 21 lines, on the fleeting nature of happiness. Inc. "Ah, fading joys." [*Ibid. No.* 197.]

Love song, 20 lines, endorsed [by Williamson], "Song in the play." Inc. "After the pangs of a desperate lover." [*Ibid. No.* 198.]

Description by a female, of her Christian training under a pious mother, and of her own religious feelings and experiences. [3½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 199.]

Account of the money due on tickets to the men belonging to 13 ships discharged at Chatham; total, 6,890*l.* [*Ibid. No.* 200.]

Propositions by Capt. Deane for rebuilding the bottom of the *Royal Oak* at Chatham, at a saving of 1,400*l.* to his Majesty. [1½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 201.]

Computation by Col. Middleton, surveyor, of naval stores necessary to be sent to 5 frigates in the West Indies, to enable them to return home. [1¼ *pages. Ibid. No.* 202.]

List of posts coming from and going to Hamburg, with the days of arrival or departure. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 203.]

Account of the days in the week when the foreign mails are despatched from the office in London, or from other places for London. [*Ibid. No.* 204.]

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Post bills or labels for the year, from February to August, signed by A. Ellis, for a description of which see *Calendar* 1666–7, *p.* 388.

Vol. 252 No.	Time of Starting.		Place of Departure.	Place of Arrival.	Time of Arrival.		Time of Despatch.			Time of Return.	
1	Feb. 8	1 a.m.	London	Nieuport	Feb. 23*	8 a.m.	Feb. 24	8 p.m.			
2	„ 15	„	„	„	„ 26	Noon	Mar. 1	3 p.m,			
3	„ 18	„	„	„	„ 25	4 p.m.		4 a.m.			
4	„ „	„	„	Calais	Mar. 5	Noon	„ 8	Noon			
5	„ 22	„	„	Nieuport	„ 5	..	„ 6	6 p.m.			
6	Mar. 3	„	„	„	„ 14	..	„ 17				
7	„ „	2 a.m.	„	Dover	„ 3	10 p.m.	„ 4	1 a.m.			
8	„ 6	1 a.m.	„	„	„ 6	7 p.m.	„ 7	5 a.m.			
9	„ 7	„	„	Dunkirk	„ 19	..	„ 20	8 p.m.			
10	„ 10	„	„	Calais							
11	„ „	„	„	Nieuport	„ 11	9 a.m.	„ 12	7 p.m.			
12	„ 17	„	„	Calais							
13	„ 20	„	„	„	..	..	..	..	London	Apl. 17	Noon
14	„ 21	„	„	Nieuport	..	2 p.m.	Apl. 2	4 a.m.	„	„ 29	4 p.m.
15	„ 24	„	„	Calais	..	..	..	..	„	„ 1	11 a.m.
16	„ 31	„	„	„							
17	„ „	„	„	Nieuport	Apl. 12	12 p.m.	„ 13	Noon	..	May 4	4½
18	Apl. 3	„	„	Calais	..	..	..	..	„	Apl. 8	6 a.m.
19	„ 7	„	„	Nieuport	„ 18	5 p.m.	„ 20	5 a.m.			
20	„ „	„	„	Calais							
21	„ 11	„	„	Nieuport	„ 23	Noon	„ 23	12 p.m.			
22	„ 14	„	„	Calais							
23	„ „	„	„	Nieuport	..	..	„ 25	..	„	„ 26	1 p,m.
24	„ 17	„	„	Calais							
25	„ 24	„	„	„							
26	„ 25	„	„	Nieuport	May 5	..	May 9	..	„	May 10	9½ a.m.
27	„ 28	„	„	Calais	..	..	..	..	„	„ 4	
28	May 1	„	„	„							
29	„ 5	„	„	„	..	..	..	..	„	„ 10	
30	„ 8	„	„	„							
31	„ 9	„	„	Nieuport	„ 20	6 p.m.	„ 21	8 p.m.			
32	„ 12	„	„	„	„ 23	10 a.m.	„ 24	10 p.m.			
33	„ „	„	„	Calais							
34	„ 15	„	„	„	..	..	..	..	„	„ 20	
35	„ 16	„	„	Nieuport	„ 27	..	„ 28	12 p.m.			
36	„ 19	„	„	Calais	„ „	12 p.m.	„ 28				
36*a*	„ 26	„	„	„							
37	„ 30	„	„	Nieuport	June 11	5 a.m.	June 11	11 a.m.			
38	June 5	„	„	Calais							
39	„ 6	„	„	Nieuport	„ 17	..	„ 18	..	„		
40	„ 12	„	„	Calais	..	..	..	..	„	June 18	
41	„ „	„	„	Helvoetsluys	„ 14	8 p.m.	„ 17	11	..	„ 20	1 p.m.
42	„ 13	„	„	Nieuport	„ 24	1 p.m.	„ 25	1 a.m.			
43	„ 17	„	„	Helvoetsluys	„ 20	11 a.m.					
44	„ 20	„	„	„	„ 21	4 p.m.	„ 24	11 a.m.			
45	„ 30	„	„	Calais							
46	„ „	„	„	Nieuport	July 11	6 p.m.	July 13	3 a.m.			
47	July 1	,	„	Helvoetsluys	„ 2	6 p.m.	„ 4	11	„	July 6	7 p.m.
48	„ 4	,	„	Nieuport	„ 15	..	„ 16	6 a.m.	„	„ 17	10 a.m.
49	„ 7		„	„	„ 18	5 p.m.	„ 20	6 p.m.			
50	„ 8	„	„	Helvoetsluys	„ 9	12 p.m.	„ 11	..	..	„ 14	
51	„ 11	„	„	„	„ 12	12 p.m.	„ 15	11 a.m.	..	„ 19	2 a.m.
52	„ „	„	„	Nieuport	..	..	..	..	..	„ 15	
53	„ 14	„	„	„	„ 25	Noon					
54	„ „	„	„	Calais							
55	„ 15	„	„	Helvoetsluys	„ 17	5 p.m.	„ 18	11 a.m.	„	„ 20	5 a.m.
56	„ 17	„	„	Calais	..	..	..	..	„	„ 22	
57	„ 18	„	„	Nieuport							
58	„ 21	„	„	Calais							
59	„ 22	„	„	Helvoetsluys	„ 26	1 p.m.	„ 26	3 p.m.	„	„ 27	7 p.m.
60	„ 24	„	„	Calais	..	..	..	..	„	„ 29	Noon
61	„ 25	„	„	Helvoetsluys	„ 29	6 a.m.	„ 29	11 a.m.	„	„ 31	6 a.m.
62	„ 28	„	„	Nieuport	..	..	..	..	„	Aug. 2	3 p.m.
63	Aug. 1	„	„	Helvoetsluys	Aug. 2	1½ p.m.	Aug. 5	11 a.m.	„	„ 12	Noon
64	„ 4	„	„	Nieuport	„ 15	5 p.m.	„ 16	7 p.m.	..	„ 17	5 p.m.
65	„ 7	„	„	Calais	..	..	..	..	„	..	1 p.m.
66–72	Fragments of imperfect bills.										

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* It must be kept in mind that the English dates given are the old style, and the foreign dates, except Helvoetsluys, are the new style, which was 10 days later.—Ed.

Diary or journal of Jos. Williamson, chiefly of public events in England, from 12 Dec. 1667 to 7 Jan. 1668–9, being a continuation of the journal calendared as Vol. 231. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 253.]

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NEWSPAPERS FOR THE YEAR.

London Gazette, published twice a week. [31 *papers. Newspaper Collection, No.* 3.]

Gazette de Londres, published twice a week. [92 *papers. Newspaper Collection, No.* 7.]

Mercurius Librarius, published quarterly. [1 *paper. Newspaper Collection, No.* 2.]

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Jan. 1. Hen. Rumbold to Lord Arlington. I understand my place of Consul at Malaga is disposed of to Hum. Colston, without reserving me even so much as St. Lucar, with which I should have been content, as being something satisfactory to my reputation. I wonder that anyone durst speak against me as a Papist to your lordship, and that Colston, who is so by profession, and has married a Spanish woman in Malaga, should be nominated in my place. I shall not do to Colston as Sir Fras. Bedingfield did to me, inflame the merchants, and cause them to petition the King and Council for their right to elect, as all those of eminency that trade for Spain declared against Colston, upon hearing that he pretended to it, and charged him with what he could not answer, much less clear himself, as I did most fully of what they alleged against me.

I beseech your lordship to consider my case; besides the merchants' approbation, I paid down the money for my second commission, and it has been without the enjoyment of the place. This besides the great sums the Consul's place formerly cost me, and for which I have received no satisfaction of Mr. Westcombe. I have also lost my former employment as partner with Mr. Upton, which being so considerable, I ought in conscience to have a consideration. I wrote to the King as to the necessity of having a minister sent to the Spanish Court, and took some pains to get the Duke of Medina Celi to make a report to the King of Spain, that the person might be admitted into his Court. My loyalty is the only cause of my ruin, as your lordship would conclude by an inspection of my orders and vouchers, both from my brother and those that then acted for his Majesty; few men have performed such great services for their King, at their own charge. I served faithfully in my place in the Prize Office, and laid out 118*l.*, as appears by the account annexed to my petition, given in long since, but payment of which has been deferred by Lord Ashley, so as not to make it an example; as for salary, I have not received any, nor know what will be allowed. [2 *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 254, *No.* 1.]

Jan. 1.
Minehead. John Maurice to Williamson. A small bark, laden with pitch and tar for Bristol, was driven ashore in the middle of the night; the goods were all landed, and the vessel was not damaged. [*Ibid. No.* 2.]

Jan. 1.
Hull. Charles Whittington to Williamson. Two Swedes have arrived from Stockholm with pitch, tar, and iron, also a Londoner from Holland with tar. The *Perregrin* of Hull, laden with lead, barley, and cloth for Rotterdam, was cast away near Brewers Haven, and only 3 men escaped in the boat. [*Ibid. No.* 3.]

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Jan. 1. *Harp* frigate, Kinsale. Capt. Rob. Hooper, to the Navy Commissioners. Is waiting at Kinsale for further orders. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 254, *No.* 4.]

Jan. 2. *Roe* ketch. Capt. Thos. Foulis to the Navy Commissioners. Received the stores sent from Deptford, after waiting more than a week. [*Ibid. No.* 5.]

Jan. 2. Woolwich. Edw. Byland to Pepys. Has almost finished trimming the *Hope* galliot hoy, and shall launch her next week, and then finish the yacht. Will omit laying decks at this season of the year, the deals brought in being green. [*Ibid. No.* 6.]

Jan. 2. Sir John Mennes to Pepys. The Commissioners of Accounts at Brooke House requiring the pay books of 21 ships named, desires he will cause their delivery. [*Ibid. No.* 7.]

Jan. 3. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. The *Ruth* has arrived from the Leeward Islands, and the *William and Elizabeth* from Barbadoes, having been 7 weeks in her passage; she reports that Lord Willoughby was ready to sail to the Caribbee Islands, and so home for England, having constituted several Commissioners to manage the government in his absence. The island is in a thriving condition, and much of Bridge Town is rebuilt. [*Ibid. No.* 8.]

Jan. 3. Same to Williamson. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 9.]

Jan. 3. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. The 54 Dutch ships that lay under Dungeness outward bound have sailed; I suppose that those that went out of the Downs with them have scarce weathered Portsmouth. Great wrecks have been seen near the North Foreland, and the Thanet men have brought much goods on shore. [*Ibid. No.* 10.]

Jan. 3. Post Office. I. Dorislaus to Williamson. I have been twice to Whitehall to receive your commands, but failed in seeing you. [*Ibid No.* 11.]

Jan. 3. Whitehall. M. Wren to Pepys. I send you an order for Capt. Foulis of the *Roe* ketch, as I know not where to find him. [*Ibid. No.* 12.]

Jan. 3. Chatham. John Moore and Edw. Moorcock to the Navy Commissioners. We have procured credit for money for one month's pay for our men; we pray you to imprest some money speedily, or we shall not have these able men in our employ; and if we lose our credit, we shall hardly procure men in the spring. The anchors taken up will more than pay for this winter's charge. [*Ibid. No.* 13.]

Jan. 3. Chatham. Same to Col. Thos. Middleton. We shall have the old provisions broken down from the *Helverstone* taken on shore, and put into the stores, as this will prevent loss and embezzlement. [*Ibid. No.* 14.]

Jan. 4. Yarmouth. Rich. Bower to Williamson. A vessel with piece goods from London was cast away on the Barnard Sand; a coach and several goods, as also a woman and some other of the company, were driven on shore at Corthy. Another vessel was forced ashore a mile to the northward of Yarmouth, where she still lays far up on the land.

Nine ships have arrived from Rotterdam, one of which reports that one Bromwell of Iron Gate, near Tower Wharf, master of a ketch that was freighted from Rotterdam to London with merchant goods, also took aboard 570 odd pieces of gold, upon the account of Mr. Tucker of Rotterdam; when at sea, the master conspired with his company to share the gold and sink the ketch, which they did, within 10 leagues of the North Foreland, and were taken on board a

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vessel bound for Rotterdam, with some of the ketch's goods. One of the company, being a Frenchman, designed to go for St. Valery in an English vessel, and went on board; the master, finding him to falter in his discourse, secured him, and acquainted Mr. Tucker, whom he knew; Tucker, on his arrival, began to search the Frenchman, who pulled a bag with 130 pieces out of his pocket and threw it on the fire. At length he confessed the fact, and said the rest of the company were gone to the Brill, to take passage in the packet-boat; these they forthwith pursued and captured, and recovered all the gold except 2 pieces. I want the *Gazettes* as formerly. [1¾ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 254, *No.* 15.]

Jan. 4. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Hickes. Several ships have put in through the tempestuous weather, one of which has broken her foremast and sprung her mainmast. Several came in yesterday, but the tempest is too strong for particulars; a Falmouth vessel has been cast on the rocks, and is too much bulged to go to sea again. [*Ibid. No.* 16.]

Jan. 4. Coventry. Ralph Hope to Williamson. A robbery was committed near Curdworth Bridge; 3 persons met one Lascelles and his wife from London, who had stayed at Sir Clement Fisher's at Packington, and robbed them of 34 guineas, which the woman had quilted in her sleeve. After they had robbed these two, they met with others, one being from Coventry, whom they set upon and wounded; but the townsman got clear off, though not without a wound through the shoulder; they took from the others what they had, and also their horses, and have not since been heard of. One of the thieves is believed to be Ashenhurst, mentioned in the proclamation. It is strongly presumed, there being many circumstances to back it, that the first robbery was but a cheat and confederacy to recover the money of the country, and that Lascelles, as he pretends his name to be, is no better than he should be, and Sir Clement himself has that suspicion of him that he has sent after him. Some of those who committed the robbery at Coleshill 6 weeks ago are in Oxford Gaol.

The school boys during Christmas acted a play called "The Indian Emperor" for 2 nights, before a very great concourse of persons, a convenient stage being built in the school for the purpose, though there was a cabal that much opposed it. There is a pear tree in full blossom in the orchard of Mrs. Smith at Brandon, *alias* Brawne, 3 miles from Coventry, which creates some wonder. I suppose you have heard of the woman at Hatton in Derbyshire, who has not taken any manner of sustenance since St. Thomas's Day was a twelvemonth; she lies in bed talking much, although worn to a mere skeleton; all her refreshment is having her lips anointed now and then with a little oil, &c. [2¾ *pages. Ibid. No.* 17.]

Jan. 4. Reference to the Treasury Commissioners of the petition of Sir Wm. Coney, for the estate of John Fien, forfeited for manslaughter. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 18, *p.* 353.]

Jan. 4. Whitehall. Petition of George Nicholls to the King, for a recommendation to the fellows of Pembroke College, for one of the 3 fellowships founded by Charles I. for the natives of Jersey and Guernsey, there being one void by the death of Mr. Morinel. With reference thereon to

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the Bishop of Hereford, and his report that the petitioner is both capable and fit to receive his Majesty's favour as desired. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 254, *Nos.* 18, 19. *See p.* 153, *infra.*]

Jan. 4. Entry of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 18, *p.* 353.]

Jan. 4. Whitehall. Petition of Charles, Lord Gerard, to the King, that Sir Stephen Fox may be ordered to return to him two-thirds of the money deposited in his hands on a dispute between them, in which, on reference to his Majesty, it was decided that the petitioner should pay one-third and Sir Stephen two-thirds. With reference thereon to the Lord Keeper, and Secs. Trevor and Arlington. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 254, *No.* 20.]

Jan. 4. Court at Whitehall. Order in Council—recapitulating a former order of 30 Dec. 1668, for the farmers of Customs to give their reasons for not entering 10 prize ships named as free ships, according to the Act for prize ships, but detaining them, whether inward or outward bound, in the port of London; the reply of the farmers, dated 2 Jan. 1669, that the reason why the said ships were not admitted for entry as free ships, being taken as prizes, is that oath was not entered before 1 Aug., according to the statute for making prize ships free, and that there are others in like condition which cannot be admitted without order—that the farmers are to be asked whether, in case of freeing the said ships, they will demand any defalcations; and their reply of 8 Jan. that they shall not claim defalcation. [*Copy.* 2¾ *pages. Ibid. No.* 21.]

Jan. 4. Original of the above report, and the order, &c., thereon. [1¾ *pages. Ibid. No.* 22.]

Jan. 4. Warrant from Lord Arlington to the Lieutenant of the Tower, for Dr. Edw. Stillingfleet to have access to Wm. Penn, confined in the Tower, to confer with him, in order to the convincing him, if it may be, of blasphemous and heretical opinions. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 96.]

Jan. 5. Grant to Jacob Smith, born at Dantzic, of denization, with proviso that he pay strangers' customs, &c. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 1.]

Jan. 5. Portsmouth. Capt. Ant. Deane to [Williamson]. I have had much trouble to copy the drawing, which, I believe, is the best we have, as it was all sounded. I hope Lord Arlington will excuse its not being done like painting. It is the only style I use, and I know his Majesty likes this way. I question not but if the French be as high as is reported, the discovery of the places my friend has viewed will be the means of doing them some mischief. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 254, *No.* 23.] *Enclosing,*

> *Pen and ink drawing of the river and forts at Brest, with the number and size of the guns placed in them, &c.* [*Large sheet. Ibid. No.* 23I.]

Jan. 5. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Arrival of a ship from New England; she sprang a leak in the Channel, and injured her mainmast. [*Ibid. No.* 24.]

Jan. 5. Bristol. James Baskerville to Williamson. The fleet outward bound have sailed. A French vessel reports that the King of France has seized all the ecclesiastical rents there, and is building ships in most of the fit ports in his dominions; this, with the news of 22 of his men-of-war lately gone out on some unknown design, much startles the people here. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 254, *No.* 25.]

Jan. 5.
Portsmouth.

St. J. Steventon to the Navy Commissioners. I went to Southampton, and find the charge of the hemp according to particulars enclosed; the master who brought it has left orders that it is not to be delivered without payment of freight and other charges. There is no close-decked vessel here; shall I hire one at 40*s.* to fetch it, and pay the freight? [*Ibid. No.* 26.]

Jan. 5.
Portsmouth.

Capt. John Tinker to Pepys. I am daily troubled by the poor men that carried ballast to and from the ships in Col. Middleton's time, and as a small sum will satisfy the debt, it is a discredit to the service that they should complain as they do; I would as soon pay them as hear them lament, they having nothing but from hand to mouth. I pray that they may be satisfied. [*Ibid. No.* 27.] *Encloses*,

> *Petition of John Roberts, and* 12 *other inhabitants of Portsmouth and Gosport, to the Navy Commissioners, for payment of the amount set against each of their names, from* 17*l. to* 1*l.* 8*s.*, *for carrying ballast to and from the King's ships, the greater part having been due nearly* 3 *years.* [*Ibid. No.* 27I.]

Jan. 5.
Portsmouth.

Capt. Ant. Deane to the Navy Commissioners. We lose half the time of 100 men for want of a supply of spikes to fasten the works of the hulk; unless there be order to receive them, or the ketch arrive with them, as promised, the men must stand and look at one another, as they must have done to-day, if I had not promised to pay for 2 cwt., rather than see such disorder in the yard. The men make a great moan for want of money; pray move his Royal Highness for their relief, they having neither a penny nor credit to keep them alive. [*Ibid. No.* 28.]

Jan. 5.
Harwich.

Capt. Silas Taylor to the Navy Commissioners. Sends an account of stores. For a new year's gift, there arose so violent a storm of wind that it stranded and staved 40 vessels great and small, and amongst others the muster boat, just taken off the oar (?) to be sent for Deptford. The fury of the storm continues yet. [*Ibid. No.* 29.]

Jan. 5.
Woolwich.

Edw. Byland to Commissioner Thos. Middleton. There are only the *Crown* and *Dover* remaining here. Some deals and other goods were taken out of the barge belonging to Mr. Andrews; but having sent some watchmen, we found the men out. Particulars of the timber stolen when the barge was lying near Tower Wharf. [*Ibid. Nos.* 30, 31.]

Jan. 6.
Lydney.

Dan. Furzer to the Navy Commissioners. The 2 anchors sent in the *Edgar* were made by your order for the Navy 2 years since, approved, and a set price agreed upon. I hope you will consider my necessity, and order the money for them, or I shall be undone. [*Ibid. No.* 32.]

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Jan. 6. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Hickes. There has been a very violent storm, in which 6 vessels were cast upon the rocks from their anchors in the harbour. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 254, *No.* 33.]

Jan. 6. Falmouth. Same to Williamson. To the same effect as the above, and part of his letter to Hickes of 4 Jan. [*Ibid. No.* 34.]

Jan. 6. Deal. Rich. Watts to Williamson. A galliot hoy from Amsterdam, laden with linen, raw silk, looking-glasses, and other rich commodities, ran ashore near Deal Castle, but most of her lading will be saved. [*Ibid. No.* 35.]

Jan. 7. Deal. Same to the Same. To the same effect. My letters so often miscarrying, I send this by Sandwich, the rather because Capt. Jno. Titus, lieutenant of Deal Castle, and his soldiers, at first too much resisted the Lord Warden's officers in their good service. [*Ibid. No.* 36.]

Jan. 7. London. George Bower to [Viscount Conway]. I beg payment of my bill, as my occasions for money are so various, and persons call upon me when my stock is out. With memorandum endorsed of the names of 4 persons to whom trees were sold for prices named; also of 7 others, creditors or debtors for sums mentioned, amounting in the whole to 17*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.* [*Ibid. No.* 37.]

Jan. 7. Presentation of Ralph Davenant to the rectory of Stepney, co. Middlesex, void by simony. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 2.]

Jan. 7. Petition of the Churchwardens and Overseers of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields to the King, for his accustomed bounty of 100*l.* to their poor, the number of those reduced to seek parish aid increasing greatly. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 254, *No.* 38.]

Jan. 7. Privy seal for 100*l.* to the Churchwardens and Overseers for the Poor of the Parish of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 70.]

Jan. Docquet of the above, dated 27 Jan. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 7.]

Jan. 7. Pass for Sir Thos. Bond, his servants, and 16 horses to France. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 70.]

Jan. 7. Woolwich. W. Hannam to the Navy Commissioners. I have hauled the *Centurion* and others ashore for better security, there being so much ice in the river. I am in a strait for help to secure ships; I beg power to command the ropemakers upon urgent occasions. I desire a supply of candles, being forced to borrow. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 254, *No.* 39.]

Jan. 7. Dr. Mathew Crouch to the Navy Commissioners. I crave pardon for not giving credit to your letter touching Mrs. Tooker being housekeeper at the Hillhouse at Chatham. I was over persuaded that it was only devised by a particular clerk, out of kindness to the widow; but being sensible of my error, I desire you will appear in my behalf to his Royal Highness, that I may be released from the custody of the messenger. [*Ibid. No.* 40.] *Encloses,*

Petition of Dr. M. Crouch to the Duke of York, for release out of custody, as he acknowledges his error, and is sorry

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for arresting Mrs. Tooker, who was not only released, upon a right understanding that she was related to the King's service, but had her fees paid, and her debt forgiven. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 254, *No.* 40I.]

Jan. 8. Mich. Hales to Thos. Hayter. Some time since, a stop was put on Capt. James Carteret's pay, for an anchor and cable delivered by him out of the *Jersey* into a merchant ship; but Lord Willoughby having certified that they were delivered for the service, Lord Brouncker desires you to draw up a signification thereof, that the stop may be taken off. [*Ibid. No.* 41.]

Jan. 8. Warrant to pay 100*l.* to Lady Harvey and Col. Thos. Panton for providing hay for the deer in New Park. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 98.]

Jan. 8. Plymouth. John Clarke to Williamson. The *Loyal Friendship* from Malaga has arrived; has no other news. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 254, *No.* 42.]

Jan. 8. Same to Hickes. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 43.]

Jan. 8. Milford. John Powell to Williamson. The *Delight* of Swansea, laden with wines and salt from Rochelle, ran ashore at a place called Dale, having spent her masts; the salt was all lost, but most of the wine saved. [*Ibid. No.* 44.]

Jan. 8. Same to Hickes. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 45.]

Jan. 9. Weymouth. John Pocock to Hickes. The *Three Falcons*, a Dutch vessel, has been forced ashore near Portland; the company deserted her and saved themselves by the boat. As soon as the vessel came on shore, she was seized for the Lord High Admiral. Her cargo of iron and timber is saved, and it is hoped the vessel will be also. [*Ibid. No.* 46.]

Jan. 9. Petition of Wm. Fernely of Ipswich to the King, that the penalty of burning in the hand may be suspended, until his Majesty's pleasure is further known. Being assaulted by [Darcy] Blosse of Ipswich, and having received several wounds, in his own defence, he drew his sword and killed Blosse, for which he has been found guilty by the coroner's inquisition of manslaughter. [*Ibid. No.* 47.] *Annexed,*

Finding of the jury at the inquest that Fernely was guilty of felonious homicide. [2 *pages. Latin. Ibid. No.* 47I.]

Information of John Jowers of Bramford, Suffolk, that as he and his brother Blosse were coming from the Golden Lion, they met Fernely against the George at Ipswich, and some words having passed between Blosse and Fernely, the latter drew his sword, and ran Blosse through the breast, of which he died.—1 Jan. 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 47II.]

Certificate by Bryan Smith and F. Burwell, that the above information is a true copy of the original, taken before Ro. Rednall and Wm. Feast, coroners for Ipswich, and that they

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heard the coroners declare, in presence of several persons, that Jowers was the only witness examined before them, and that they were not satisfied that they ought to give any certificate thereof, unless lawfully called upon to do so. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 254, *No.* 47iii.]

Certificate by Chris. Milton, J.P. for Ipswich, that he was present at the examination of Jowers, and that the latter declared he knew of no former differences between Blosse and Fernely, but believed them to have previously been very good friends. With certificate of Rich. Philips to the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 47iv.]

John Sicklemor to Rob. Wright. The only account I can give of Fernely's business is from the testimony of Blosse's brother-in-law, who deposes that his brother gave the first offence by calling to Fernely to stay and alight from his horse, and asking him where he was going; he told him to his wife, when Blosse replied that she was an old whore, and that Fernely was the son of a whore; whereupon he alighted, and they drew swords, and after several passes, Blosse was killed.—Ipswich, 9 *Jan.* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 47v.]

Jan. 9. Copy of the preceding petition. [*Ibid. No.* 47a.]

Jan. 9. Account delivered in by Col. Thos. Middleton, Surveyor, of unserviceable and decayed provisions in the stores at Portsmouth, Chatham, Woolwich, and Deptford, between Dec. 1667 and Dec. 1668. [4 *pages. Ibid. No.* 48.]

Jan. 9. Woolwich. Edw. Byland to Pepys. Has taken cognizance, with the master of attendance, of the *Katherine* yacht, and gives particulars; shall launch the *Ann* next week. All the ships here are safe ashore, except the *Dover.* [*Ibid. No.* 49.]

Jan. 9. Thos. Goose, purser of the *Sweepstakes,* to the Navy Commissioners. Begs their favour that he may not lie any longer in despatching his accounts, and that he may have such allowance as the equity of the case deserves. [*Ibid. No.* 50.]

Jan. 9. Note by Sir Wm. Penn that Stephen Rose, boatswain of the *Golden Lion,* must satisfy the Board how he can clear himself of a cable, received by him at Plymouth, by direction of Sir Rob. Holmes. [*Ibid. No.* 51.]

Jan. 9. Capt. George Erwin to Pepys. Pray assist Wm. Ash, boatswain of the *Kent,* in obtaining leave from his Royal Highness to accompany me to the East Indies in the *Bombay Merchant,* he having petitioned the Duke for that purpose, and being willing to proceed, if he may be continued in the service. I hope to sail the 16th or 18th. [*Ibid. No.* 52.]

Jan. 10. Portsmouth. Thos. Eastwood to the Navy Commissioners. I received money for the bark and lops which countervailed the charge of felling and squaring the timber, and placed it to account. Since his Majesty came home, it has been ordered by the Lord Warden of the Forest to Mr. Horne, merchant of Southampton, who claims the bark by

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his patent as hoy woodward; I suppose the money for the lops is disbursed for repairing of lodges and other charges, of which he gives account in the Exchequer every year. I am not concerned in the sale of the lops, but regarders ride with Mr. Horne who, when he has marked out the timber, value the lops, and set a price upon them. The regarders are men appointed to see that there may be no spoil in the forest, and if there is, they are to present it. Noted, "To be represented to the Lords of the Treasury, when the other purveyors have made their returns." [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 254, *No.* 53.]

Jan. 10. Alresford. Hen. Perrin to the Navy Commissioners. I am willing to serve into the stores at Portsmouth all goods formerly served in by me, and on the same terms as the ironmonger at London supplies all the rest of the yards. I beg some allowance for carriage of my goods, living so remote from London and other places, and being 20 miles from Portsmouth. [*Ibid. No.* 54.]

Jan. 10. Edw. Byland to Pepys. I want orders as to docking the *Assistance* and *Crown*, the pleasure boats being ready to launch. I have fetched a boat-load of reed from Ham Creek; I suppose there may be about one thousand bolts left. The price of cutting is 10*s.* per 100, and the quality needs no praising. The master of the ship with Scotch masts would not haul her ashore, so I cannot answer Col. Middleton's order. I can give no other proof that the deals stolen were the King's than that 7 were taken when the men left work, that 7 were missing, and that those brought back were like the same left behind in the barge. [*Ibid. No.* 55.]

Jan. 10. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. A States' man-of-war, of 44 guns and 160 men, bound with 2 others to convoy 30 merchant ships to the Straits, has put in, having lost her company in a storm and some of her masts; 3 or 4 colliers have also arrived. [*Ibid. No.* 56.]

Jan. 10. Charlton. Dr. T. Lamplugh to Williamson. Thanks for helping to make my young son a Christian; your chaplain-deputy performed his part well, and perhaps exceeded his commission, for he kissed all above and below stairs. I presume he has got the start of me in giving you an account of your partner, Sir Edw. Norris, and the name of your godson, which is Edward, my wife's father's name.

[Tim.] Halton is returned from Wales, and I hope he will reside in [Queen's] college. I hear nothing amiss of Mr. Clifford, or I would report it. The Sectarians have grown so exceedingly bold and daring that they have set apart a house at Bicester for a public meeting place, and made a pulpit in it; there is a greater number there every Sunday than in the church. There is scarcely a parish about Charlton but what is infected, and unless they are speedily suppressed, they will grow so numerous that I dread the event. Remember me to my Lord of Rochester and his lady. [*Ibid. No.* 57.]

Jan. 11. Sir Philip Musgrave to Williamson. I beg you to solicit Lord Arlington to accept the resignation of Mr. Sandford, ensign in my

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company at the garrison at Carlisle, and to appoint Basil Fielding to that employment. He was lieutenant to Sir Edw. Musgrave, and on that company being reduced, he chose rather to trail a pike in my company than to leave us; so I hope you will be a friend to him. I never did nor will make sixpence advantage by recommending any officer, as it is enough to me if I can gratify a deserving person. Let my letters be directed to Ednal, Cumberland. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 254, *No.* 58.]

Jan. 11. Pendennis. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. The violence of the storm has driven 6 or 7 vessels on shore here, and 2 are broken in pieces. Several vessels have come in from Bordeaux, &c., laden with wine, pitch, and tar. [*Ibid. No.* 59.]

Jan. 11. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. A large conger has been found in Sandwich Bay, which weighed 80 pounds after his entrails and fat were taken out. The wreck near Deal Castle gives sufficient employment to the people. There have been several wrecks on the Goodwin, as divers pieces of ships have been found. [*Ibid. No.* 60.]

Jan. 11. Lyme. Ant. Thorold to Hickes. The *Rose* has come in with great difficulty from Rotterdam, by reason of the ice, and reports that they murmur there very much at payment of tonnage to the French King, and like not his being so near a neighbour to Flanders, which they suppose will soon cause a breach. [*Ibid. No.* 61.]

Jan. 11. Whitehall. M. Wren to Pepys. I desire you to write to the victualler at Portsmouth to have provisions ready for the *Roe* ketch, she having lost a portion by a pink running aboard her, and breaking down the hoy lying by her side with them, so that she has only $\frac{2}{3}$ of her supply aboard. [*Ibid. No.* 62.]

Jan. 12. Alresford. Hen. Perrin to the Navy Commissioners. I desire my contract may be made according to the London ironmongers' new contract. I have sent up my wife, who is as well or rather better acquainted with the business than myself, and she will wait on you for your pleasure. I am not able to ride up myself, through a fall from my horse. [*Ibid. No.* 63.]

Jan. 12. Portsmouth. St. J. Steventon to the Navy Commissioners. I sent a messenger to Southampton, to demand the St. Malo hemp in the King's name, but was denied the delivery of it, without paying the freight and other charges. It is in the custody of Nich. Capelin, one of the Custom House officers, who seemed willing to deliver it if he might have Master Du Hobry's wife's consent, which was refused. Unless you order payment of the freight, or find other course by constraint to force the delivery of it (in the latter of which I would be a willing instrument), you will not obtain it. [*Ibid. No.* 64.]

Jan. 12. Harwich. Capt. Silas Taylor to Sir John Mennes. Though my delays have been long, pray consider my small help to compass so great a business as the whole account of the yard, not only in my own time, but before, which is very intricate. Ever since the King and Duke have been here, the Board have found me employment in preserving

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the King's concerns here, in unrigging and sale of the hulk, &c. I cannot have the accounts subscribed here, as there are none that can legibly write, and I cannot well be at London. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 254, *No.* 65.]

Jan. 12. The *Roebuck*, Downs. Capt. George Liddell to the Navy Commissioners. I can make shift for rigging till you give order to clean the frigate. My victuals are almost expended, and I have sent to the victualler at Dover to have a month's victuals ready. [*Ibid. No.* 66.]

Jan. 12. Portsmouth. Capt. Ant. Deane to the Navy Commissioners. The storekeeper will not receive the stores paid for with the 278*l.* without positive orders; as you did not give a warrant for the spikes and other things asked, I have supplied Capt. Hart with two Spanish tables out of my own house, rather than have any pretence of his want; if your Honours do not send a warrant for such small things until the *Roe* ketch come about, we must lose a great part of our time. The captain of the *Portland* is resolved to get out to-day if the wind favours him. I shall finish the hulk in 8 or 9 days, and then dock the *Advice* and *Fairfax*, as the provisions in the yard are suitable to their repairs. I have the beams for the new ship, and would get her forward if I had a supply of 4-inch plank. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 67.]

Jan. 12. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Pearl* frigate has arrived at Spithead, and is coming into harbour to be cleaned and fitted for sea again, as she, with the *Milford*, is to try the new ship *Nonsuch* for sailing. The *Portland* is ready to proceed to Galicia, to bring the Duke of Tuscany to England. [*Ibid. No.* 68.]

Jan. 12. Pass for Francis Roper, sent to Flanders as Envoy from the Queen. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 98.]

Jan. 12. Warrant for 12,000*l.* to be paid into the privy purse, without account or imprest. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 12. Warrant to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, to order Sir John Curzon, Bart., Receiver, to pay 500*l.* to Edw. Jackson, for repairs of the house at Lindhurst, co. Hants. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 12. Note of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 254, *No.* 69.]

Jan. [13.] Whitehall. The King to Lord Ashley, Treasurer of Prizes. It appears by the report of the Prize Commissioners, that more was placed to the credit of incident charges for Plymouth in 1667, than was apportioned on the ships, so that the Prize Treasurers were brought into debt 124*l.*, as part of 158*l.* said to be due to David Grosse, but disallowed by the Sub-commissioners of Prizes. You are therefore to pay 120*l.* to Grosse, in full allowance for his services and expenses. [*Ibid. No.* 70.]

Jan. 13. Entry of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 99.]

Jan. 13. The King to the [Master and Fellows of Pembroke College, Oxford]. We recommend George Nicholls, student of Jesus College,

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to the fellowship in your college founded by the late King for the natives of Jersey and Guernsey. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 19, *p.* 92.]

Jan. 13. Warrant to Sir Stephen Fox to pay to Rich. Kent, for the use of the officers disbanded from the Guards, such money for half-pay as shall become due to them, according to a list approved and signed by the King, to commence from 26 Sept. last. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 29, *p.* 30.]

Jan. 13. Whitehall. The King to the Governors of the Charterhouse. We request you to admit William, son of William Man, of London, as a scholar in the Charterhouse. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 25, *f.* 81.]

Jan. 13. Whitehall. Petition of John Skelton for a free pardon. Had a dispute with Francis Edgecombe 3 years since, which he believed had been reconciled the same night; but the next morning Edgecombe took the petitioner out of bed, and forced him to answer in the field, otherwise he would immediately kill him; thereupon wounds were given on either side, and Edgecombe died shortly after of one he then received, contrary to the petitioner's hopes and intentions, by reason whereof he has been compelled to live in exile. Served the Duke of York and the late Princess Royal, and will employ his life to serve his Majesty, if the pardon is granted.

With reference thereon to the Attorney-General, and his report that the facts are as stated in the petition, but that upon the impanelling of the jury by the coroner, Mr. Edgecombe's father sent several of his servants and tenants to serve upon the inquest, and procured such a verdict as he pleased (which proceeding was unknown to the petitioner's father or his friends); they found a verdict of murder, and the petitioner not appearing, he was outlawed, but never tried by any petty jury.—Jan. 21. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 254, *No.* 71.]

[Jan. 13.] Draft of the above petition. [*Ibid. No.* 72.]

Jan. 13. Entry of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 33, *p.* 1.]

Jan. 13. Whitehall. Petition of David Lawrence to the King, for presentation to the vicarage of Maker, co. Devon (*sic*), void by resignation of Rob. Warren. With reference thereon to the Bishop of Hereford, Dean of the Chapel, and his reports in favour of the petitioner. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 254, *Nos.* 73–75; *see p.* 173, *infra.*]

Jan. 13. Entry of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 33, *p.* 2.]

Jan. 13. Whitehall. Reference to the Council for Trade of the petition of George Herriot, for a patent for 14 years of his way of cold-pressing cloth. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 13. Order in Council granting the petition of Dr. John Wilkins, Bishop of Chester, for 4 years' time to pay the first fruits of his bishopric, and of Wigan parsonage thereto annexed, on his own bond for security; if he die before the time, the remainder then due to be remitted; also all first fruits not due till the passing of his *congé d'élire* last October to be remitted, and his bonds

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delivered. With proviso that his Majesty will not henceforth grant more than 2 years for payment of first fruits. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 254, *No.* 76; *see p.* 190, *infra.*]

Jan. 13. Whitehall. Order in Council that the Commissioners for Foreign Affairs consider what number of ships, and of what rates, should be set out for the summer guard, consulting if needful with the Navy Commissioners. Also that they consider a letter from the said Commissioners of 29 Dec. last, to the Treasury Commissioners, about the disposal of the 200,000*l.* assigned on the Customs. [*Ibid. No.* 77.]

Jan. 13. Report of the Council of Trade on the proposals of Wm. Carter, for preventing export of wool, that they find it of destructive consequence to trade, stating the means through which it has arisen, and the defects in the execution of the existing laws; proposing a proclamation for enforcing the laws, and confiding their special execution to the President and Governors of Christ's Hospital, London, giving them all the forfeitures for transgression thereof, towards the benefit of the poor children; with reasons for choosing them in particular; 12 signatures. [3 *sheets. Ibid. No.* 78.]

Jan. 13. Petition of Sir Wm. Mason, and 4 other loyal and distressed officers, to the King, for power to erect a lottery in Ireland, and to exercise it in such manner as shall be thought fit. Served his late father, and by their great sufferings for adhering to his cause and interest, are driven into extreme poverty, and know of no other way of relief. [*Ibid. No.* 79.]

Jan. 13. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Williamson. A vessel has arrived from Nieuport, and reports that the French King sent 4,000 horse and foot to take possession of some passage that the Duke of Lorraine permitted the Spaniards to pass in to Flanders, on pretence of an agreement made with the old Duke of Lorraine and the French King, for the command of the said passage; but the Lorrainer, apprehending some danger by having so ill a neighbour, opposed the French, killed many of them, and put the rest to flight, so that the French King is going against the Duke himself, at the head of 10,000 men. I hear of no wrecks through the violent storms, except those which happened in the harbour. [*Ibid. No.* 80.]

Jan. 13. Same to Hickes. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 81.]

Jan. 13. Thos. Robson to Pepys. I beg your assistance in procuring 2 tickets for Wm. Man, for service on board the *Mary* and *Loyal London,* I having lost those tickets given to my custody by his brother, George Man, for which Man will give security to indemnify the King. With order by the Navy Commissioners to R. Waith, to certify whether the tickets be paid or not, 19 Jan. 1669; and report by Waith that he does not find any such tickets paid by him since July 1667, his books for the preceding time being at Brooke House. 24 Feb. 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 82.]

Jan. 13. Whitehall. Jos. Williamson to Sir George Downing. Lord Arlington desires an account of the diet made to French prisoners during the late

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war, and whether it was not upon the King's charge. With note by Sir George Downing to Col. Reymes, asking him to answer this, as he is best acquainted with the business. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 254, *No.* 83.]

Jan. 14. Col. B. Reymes to Sir George Downing. What was done in one district was done in all; but I suppose Mr. Fillingham can best resolve in the general. The prisoners had several allowances, both French and Dutch, and when they were at the lowest, both French and Dutch allowed them somewhat over and above the King's allowance, which at first was 5*d.* a day, then 4*d.*, then 1 lb. of bread only, then 2*d.* a day, every proportion and alteration being made by Council, according to the reports they had of the usage of the English prisoners, and the agreement between the Crowns; the exchange was made according to their respective qualities. When a prisoner was released without an exchange, it was ordered that he should pay back the charge he had put the King to, but I do not remember that they ever did so, except one or two, which the Marshals have, or should account for. [*Ibid. No.* 84.]

Jan. 14. Col. B. Reymes to Williamson. I received your and Sir George Downing's letters as to the French prisoners, and have replied to the former, but will explain more fully when we all meet, and examine the books. [*Ibid. No.* 85.]

Jan. 14. Sunderland. Ben. Francis to Rob. Francis. Pray assist Mr. Ettrick in laying hold of a person required, who deserves no favour from anyone with whom I am concerned, while Ettrick—when my place was in great doubt, by the alteration of the farmers and the times, and when none of my own friends had the opportunity to help—assisted to continue me there; so in gratitude I cannot but intreat my friends' interest to serve him also. [*Ibid. No.* 86.]

Jan. 14. ——— Joli to Williamson. I intended to bring you the orders, but our Ambassador has sent for me; let me know where you and my Lord [Arlington] will be in an hour or two. [*French. Ibid. No.* 87.]

Jan. 14. Edw. Bawtree to Rob. Blackborn, East-India House, Leadenhall Street. Particulars of money abated and services rendered on the estate. I told you I must have the rent reduced, or I could not hold possession, and you agreed to let me have the land at 14*l.* a year; I promised to pay in April, when my tenants cleared, and not before, which was also agreed upon. I could have got you a good tenant, but he is now settled for next year. [*Ibid. No.* 88.]

Jan. 14. Thos. Knightley to Williamson. Pray get a petition sent from a prisoner in Newgate presented to the King, and if it is referred to the Chief Justice, get as favourable a reference as you can. The bearer will gratify you as soon as the business is completed, which must be speedy, otherwise she will be transported. [*Ibid. No.* 89.]

Jan. 14. Whitechapel Prison. Nath. Bunch, purser of the *Sapphire,* to the Navy Commissioners. Coming to your office to pass my accounts, I was arrested by a bailiff of Whitechapel Liberty, for a debt which—by reason of the long voyage, and bad payments of money where it is due—

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I am unable to pay. I intreat your consideration in passing my accounts, and in getting in the money due, that I may have my liberty. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 254, *No.* 90.]

Jan. 14. [Leghorn.] Roger Howe to his brother, Thos. Clutterbuck, London. Complaints of miscarriage of letters. Private affairs. Lord Sherwood thanks you for inquiring after Margaret, but he is anxious about a box of drugs, sent for a friend in her chest. I advise you, in your Consul's patent, to get 2 per cent. on strangers' goods added, as the Consul of Cadiz has done, and also power to appoint a deputy, in case of your own advancement. Consul Shillingworth boasts of having his place at Leghorn for life. It is said that Sir John Finch will leave Italy this spring, so you are still in time to think of a residency. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ *pp.* *Ibid. No.* 91.]

Jan. 15. Newhaven. Petition of John Balldee and 7 other inhabitants of Meeching, *alias* Newhaven, Sussex, to the King, for an order to Sir John Pelham and other justices of the peace, to inquire to whom money is owing for supplying materials, and lodging workmen, &c., for the erection of a harbour and pier there. The loss of so many lives and vessels yearly moved Wm. Halsted to draw up a certificate to the King, which was presented by Lord Digby and the Earl of Bristol, and was well liked by his Majesty; but it lying dormant for 3 years, Halsted drew up a petition, and obtained 80 of the inhabitants' hands to it, upon which his Majesty granted letters patent for erecting a pier and other conveniences, and Halsted assisted with his own funds in carrying it into effect, although he is now, with many others who have lost their money, hated and envied. A breach happening with the said lord and the Lord Chancellor, the business was put into other hands, and neither Halsted nor several others mentioned, who advanced their money and credit as detailed, have received any return, although many applications have been made, and they are in danger of utter ruin on account thereof. Unless respect is had to the promises and engagements made to the first undertakers of the work, the Almighty can never prosper it; 8 signatures. [2 *pages.* *Ibid. Nos.* 92, 93.]

Jan. 15. Note that [Roger] l'Estrange has received from Lord Arlington 100*l.* as his proportion of allowance of the News-book for the first year, ending 15 Jan. 166$\frac{8}{9}$, and that there rests on account 2 years up to the present date. [*Ibid. No.* 94.]

Jan. 15. Thos. Corney to Williamson. I have spoken to the Ordnance Commissioners, and find that the place is in their gift, and is undisposed of. As they sit on Saturday, if you can procure my Lord's order to them, it will prevent all competition, and I shall always own you as my patron. [*Ibid. No.* 95.]

Jan. 15. Pembroke. John Powell to Williamson. Has no news. [*Ibid. No.* 96.]

Jan. 15. Memorial from the Council of Trade, that Lord Arlington be desired to request an order to the corporation of baize-makers, Colchester, to appoint some of their number to attend the Council of Trade, with a copy of their charter, by-laws, &c., to answer complaints concerning abuses crept into the manufacture of baize. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 254, *No.* 97.]

Jan. 16. Portsmouth. St. J. Steventon to Pepys. I cannot find such a vessel as the *Shepherd* galliot in my book for 1665, nor was there at any time such a galliot. It may be some error in the transcript of the vessel's name; if you have an account of the man's name so borne, I can clear the doubt. We had a flyboat called the *Herdereen* [or *Hardereen*] which is Dutch for *Shepherd*, that was employed here to put guns into, and was afterwards sent and sold at London; I never heard of a hoy called the *Leicester*. [*Ibid. No.* 98.]

Jan. 16. Portsmouth. Same to the Navy Commissioners. The reason of the master carrying the hemp from St. Malo to Southampton was his being denied entrance into this port, his Majesty, when here, having given order to the Governor not to suffer ships from France to come without staying a quarantine; at that time another vessel rode at Spithead on the same score. I can testify to the truth of what I have formerly written, about Mr. Capelin's denying delivery of the hemp without payment of the freight. [*Ibid. No.* 99.]

Jan. 16. The *Roebuck*, Downs. Capt. George Liddell to the Navy Commissioners. I will send my officers' demand by the next post; shall I deliver the anchor and cable, as it is a trouble to keep them aboard? The Duke's officers would have it, but I shall not part with it without your order. The *Roe* ketch, with a Holland man-of-war, sailed for Portsmouth, and here is another man-of-war bound for Cowes road, by reason of the frost being so bad in Holland. [*Ibid. No.* 100.]

Jan. 16. Stockwith. John Russell to the Navy Commissioners. There have been two sales of tops, bark, and offal timber in the forest of Sherwood, in Billhay and Brickland, by Thos. Corbin, the surveyor, arising from 2,000 trees felled; but I was not concerned in them, nor received any of the money. [*Ibid. No.* 101.] *Encloses,*

> *Account of timber shipped on board the* Adam and Eve *hoy—John Huntington, master—for delivery at the stores at Deptford.*—24 *Dec.* 1668. [*Ibid. No.* 101I.]

Jan. 16. Drury Lane. Earl of Anglesey to the Navy Commissioners. I have received the list of about 2,000*l.* of the unpaid assignments upon the monthly receipts of the Customs; had I not been interrupted in paying, they had all been complied with, for I was always so sensible of the King's service, and tender of the credit of the Board in punctual payments, that I often paid before I had received the money, as is witnessed by the payment of 300*l.* upon the October month, for which I have not received anything. A further reason why they are unpaid is that I have paid Mr. Bayly for the *Edgar* 4,000*l.*, Sir Rob. Southwell 300*l.*, Capt. Cox 1,000*l.*, and Capt. Rooth 300*l.*, with others of the same nature, which I had no particular fund for, but they required haste. If you can find any way for their satisfaction, I shall

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willingly join with you, as may best testify my continuing a sensible member of your number. I have appointed Mr. Fenn to attend you to adjust this affair. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 254, *No.* 102.]

Jan. 16. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Commissioners. I could not refuse to certify that, Sir Jeremy Smith having to go to the northward in 1667, and Mr. Wigginer's ketch being to go with him, Wigginer made some difficulty in regard of his arrears of freight, whereupon I pressed him to go, on the assurance that his money should be paid here in his absence, or at Hull. He deserves favour. [*Ibid. No.* 103.]

Jan. 16. Declaration by Lord Arlington of his Majesty's approval of Thos. Neale as deputy-lieutenant for co. Hants, in the room of Lord Sandys, deceased. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 99.]

[Jan. 16.] Pass for the Great Prince of Tuscany who, after his voyages through Spain and Portugal, intends to come into England. [*Draft. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 254, *No.* 104.]

Jan. 16. Minute of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 99.]

Jan. 16. Leake Chantrey. Thos. Bawtree to Rob. Blackborn. I want an answer to my former letter, as I do not know whether you agree to my propositions. I find you are willing to abate 5*l.* towards the improvement of the other lands, but I am not willing to do this, as I cannot make my rent of it. I will give you 65*l.* a year for the ground mentioned in my lease, and that held by John Gell, on condition that you will build me a stable, and repair the roof, when I will take it for 5 years. I desire you not to think that I undervalue your farm; the one adjoining is let, and they have abated 11*l.* in 46*l.* I make no benefit by the use of the rent, as I have received 20*l.* and paid 20*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.*, and the charge of Rob. Cox's house is 12*l.* 15*s.* I shall send my bullocks to London by Candlemas, when my man shall call with all the money received up to that time. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 254, *No.* 105.]

Jan. 16. Yarmouth. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Several persons were indicted at the sessions held at Beccles, for not going to their parish church, and true bills were found, but they were acquitted by the petty jury, on the ground that the day they went to church, the doors were shut, which uses to be once a month for their excuse, the patron being a Nonconformist. Mr. Brewster of Wrentham, and some of the justices, were so incensed that they resolved not to come on the bench any more.

Mr. Bridge appeared at Norwich sessions, when Sir John Hubbard told him that a letter had been shown to his Majesty by Lord Arlington, who directed it to be sent to Lord Townshend; about this he was called before the deputy-lieutenants, and although they could have proved what was laid to his charge, yet on his confessing to baptizing children, keeping conventicles, and residing in Yarmouth contrary to law, they were willing to forbear prosecuting him, if he would promise to leave the county of Norfolk, and not come within five miles of Yarmouth. Bridge answered that he was not willing, but if it was commanded, he must submit.

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Councillor Long told him that Lord Townshend was there as a justice of peace, and not as Lord Lieutenant, and that if he would not voluntarily comply, they would have to force him. He repeated his unwillingness, when his lordship rose up in a passion, and commanded him not to come within 5 miles of Yarmouth or Norfolk, and so freed him. Many of his members and followers went to Norwich to accompany him, and boasted on their return that Lord Townshend and the rest of the gentlemen, whenever they spoke to Mr. Bridge, were with their hats in their hands, and glory much of the respect and favour he found. Various opinions thereon. I trust I shall submit with cheerfulness to those things which seem good to our princes and their councils; their acts should not be scanned by private persons, who cannot apprehend their reasons. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 254, *No.* 106.]

Jan. 17. I. Dorislaus to Williamson. Mr. Ellis having promised me a chamber in a few days, I will then bend my thoughts towards doing you service. The Holland letters have not arrived. [*Ibid. No.* 107.]

Jan. 17. Milford. John Powell to Hickes. No shipping in the harbour; I want to know the price of wheat, barley, and oats. [*Ibid. No.* 108.]

Jan. 17. Same to Williamson. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 109.]

Jan. 17. Deal. Rich. Watts to Williamson. Two [men] were robbed last week between Dover and Deal, and a house was broken into by 3 seamen belonging to the *Roebuck*; one of them escaped, the other 2, after their commander, Capt. Liddell, had surrendered the goods, were carried aboard, and after being ducked, were towed ashore, and turned adrift. The conger caught last week was 7 feet long, 9 inches deep, and weighed 69 pounds. The Dutch ship that wilfully ran aground near Deal Castle has had her merchandize embezzled. [*Ibid. No.* 110.]

Jan. 17. The *Roebuck*, Downs. Capt. George Liddell to the Navy Commissioners. I send the boatswain and carpenter's demand for stores, with observations thereon, and what is required to be done on board. My sailors have little to receive, but yet grumble, so I proffered to discharge them by tickets, and receive others. This has made them quiet, for they can live as badly upon land as myself. [*Ibid. No.* 111.]

Jan. 18. Ant. Fist to Pepys. I cannot sufficiently thank you for past help. Let me be protected from the troubles which may happen to me by other debts which I have contracted. I desire this, not out of any fraudulent design against my creditors, but to be enabled to deserve your kindness by a performance of my duty, and to give my creditors satisfaction. [*Ibid. No.* 112.]

Jan. 18. Woolwich. Wm. Acworth to the Navy Commissioners. I never hold myself possessed of hemp on behalf of his Majesty, until it is aboard the vessel that is to transport it, nor ever was so stupid as to give the merchant a bill for a pound, till I had the master's hand to all I could charge him with, and the master workman's hand to the bill for the quality. The master complained that he was pressed, and was backward in taking it in all along; otherwise the

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merchants need not have lost above 20*l.* by the drying of the 11 bundles. He might have seen the weight had he pleased, but not 1 in 20 but trusts as to that. I have done with him as with all others, and will swear to the weight. The loss must be from his deck, as it is owned by him to be in his possession, and if 5 tons had been stolen he must have answered it; if he were not satisfied, why did he give his hand? He might have sent a whole lighter-full back, as well as part. I hope my reputation is as good as his. The Portsmouth officers may give satisfaction as to whether he had water in the hold or not. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 254, *No.* 113.]

Jan. 18. Stourbridge. Rob. Foley to the Navy Commissioners. The goods that I serve into the stores are not the usual sorts or sizes that merchants buy, and are besides marked with the broad arrow, and prohibited by you to be sold to others; they are cheaper than his late Majesty bought by contract. You make an abatement for ready money; I refer to you to make what abatement is reasonable upon every bill paid according to his Royal Highness's warrant. I have been a great sufferer by running into debt to keep a quantity of goods in hand to supply the stores, and by staying so long for my money, and I hope that you will let me partake of the ready money; and that, as you took all Mr. Ingram's goods, though unmarked, with some abatement, it may be no ill precedent to me, especially as I paid him the money long before I received it out of the customs. [*Ibid. No.* 114.]

Jan. 18. Grant to Walter Underhill, sen. and jun., and Sam. Walton, for 14 years, of the sole use of their new invention for preserving and bringing salmon alive and well-conditioned to London, from Newcastle and Berwick. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 4.]

Jan. 18. Warrant to the Master of the Great Wardrobe to pay to Lewis Grabu, Master of Music, 48*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* for his livery for 3 years past, and to allow him 16*l.* 2*s.* 6d. yearly for livery. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 18. Thos. Knightley to Williamson. I lately sent a person with a petition from a poor prisoner in Newgate [Marg. Griffith] who knows not how soon she may be transported; being entreated by her friends to get it answered, I desire you will get a positive order, when all fees will be paid. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 254, *No.* 115.]

Jan. 18. Letter Office. A. Ellis to Williamson. I have received the despatch for Lord Robartes, and required the principal officer to deliver it and return an account. I beg you will meet Messrs. Cook and Wilkes at my hermitage to eat a goose. [*Ibid. No.* 116.]

Jan. 19. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Several Dutch merchant ships, homeward bound, have been forced into St. Helen's road by contrary winds. The *Roe* ketch has arrived to attend the *Portland*, which has sailed for the Groyne. Sir Lawrence Van Heemskirk is come to see to the fitting out of the *Nonsuch.* [*Ibid. No.* 117.]

Jan. 19. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. The gold taken from the ship that ran ashore near Deal was sent by the Governor of Dover Castle with a good guard to Whitehall. [*Ibid. No.* 118.]

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Jan. 19. Report by John Evelyn, and 2 other commissioners for prisoners of war and sick and wounded soldiers, to Lord Arlington, as to the allowances made to French prisoners during the war, from 2*d.* to 4*d.* a day. [*Damaged. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 254, *No.* 119.]

Jan. 19. The King to the Commissioners of Sewers for Hatfield Chace. We hear that the participants in the level of the Chace, to whom in June last we entrusted the preservation of navigation, and of the inheritance of the inhabitants, contrary to the contract made with the late King, have neglected the works, whereby some are become ruinous and decayed; and that on pretext of our previous orders, the said participants suspend the orders of the commissioners for repair of the same, discharge the tenants from payment of moneys assessed upon them, and refuse to deliver up the records. To avoid further misconstruction, we require you our commissioners to proceed in the due execution of your commission, and provide for the preservation of the said level, and the parts of the counties adjoining thereto, anything in our previous letter notwithstanding. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *p.* 81.]

Jan. 19. Warrant for Isaac Perrot, an alien, to be made a free denizon. Minute. [*Ibid. p.* 82.]

Jan. 19. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney-General of the petition of the Brewers' Company, for confirmation of their charter, with alterations and additions. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 3.]

Jan. 19. Ordnance Office. Edw. Sherburne and Jonas Moore to the Navy Commissioners. Let us have an account of stores made chargeable on our office from any of the King's yards and stores, to whom they were delivered, and where and what indent or receipt was given for them. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 254, *No.* 120.]

Abstract of the value of provisions, &c., issued out of the stores at Deptford, Woolwich, Chatham, and Portsmouth, on the ordnance account, for building and repairs, from 1 *Sept.* 1664. *Total,* 2,594*l.* 5*s.* 1*d.*—1 *May* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 120I.]

Jan. 20. Brooke House. Certificate by J. Davies and Edm. Poortmans, that they find 2 bills of imprest of 50,000*l.* each, charged in Sir George Carteret's account for 1665 on Sir Denis Gauden; they were dated 28 Nov. 1665, but are entered in the ledger by mistake under 15 June 1665. [*Ibid. No.* 121.]

Jan. 20. The *Emsworth*, Holehaven. Capt. Walter Perry to the Navy Commissioners. Are we to continue here? If so, I request a supply of provisions, having but 11 days' supply on board. Only one vessel has come from Rouen within Holehaven, which is stopped on the quarantine. [*Ibid. No.* 122.]

Jan. 20. Whitehall. Sir George Downing to Williamson. I have moved the Lords of the Treasury about the Darley tithes, wherein Mr. Thomas, Mr. Carey, &c., are concerned, and have directions to pass a warrant for a lease, which shall be done with speed. [*Ibid. No.* 123.]

Jan. 20. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Williamson. The *Berner* of Havre de Grace and several other ships have arrived; the former reports that she was

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driven so far back to sea that they were in great distress for victuals and water, one man dying and several more being sick; so that they intended running her ashore, had not the land proved a harbour. They saw a great ship at sea, which had spent all her masts, supposed to have been a King's ship from Sir Thos. Allin; she has since come into Mount's Bay. A Newcastle man, with Spanish wines, was cast away near the Lizard, and all her goods, with the master and one man, lost. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 254, *No.* 124.]

Jan. 20. Same to Hickes. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 125.]

Jan. 20. Commission for Basil Fielding to be ensign to Sir Phil. Musgrave's company in Carlisle. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 20, *p.* 195.]

Jan. 20. Warrant to Sir Edw. Griffin to pay 10*l.* to Gideon Royer, for embellishing with arms, badges, &c., a letter sent to the Emperor of Russia, by Sir Peter Wyche, Envoy Extraordinary. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 26, *f.* 47.]

Jan. 20. Pass for ——— Hemmet, ——— Abdra, and ——— Hammond, Moors, natives of Barbary, to go into their own country. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 99.]

Jan. 20. Licence to Sir George Vyner to live out of Norfolk, where he is sheriff, he having no house in the county. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 20. Licence for Sir Cuthbert Heron [Bart.] to be absent from Northumberland whilst sheriff, to attend some personal business. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 254, *No.* 126.]

Jan. 20. Minute of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 99.]

Jan. 20. Warrant to pay to Baptist May, Keeper of the Privy Purse, 12,000*l.* for the said purse, without account. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 5.]

Jan. 20. Warrant to pay all sums of money, ordered by several privy seals to Hugh May, late Paymaster of the Works, but remaining unpaid, to Phil. Packer, now Paymaster of the Works. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 21.
Chester.

Ma. Anderton to Williamson. The King's pleasure boat *Mary* has arrived at Holyhead from Dublin, with Sir Winston Churchill, Sir Edw. Dering, Sir Allan Broderick, and Col. Cooke, Commissioners of the Court of Claims, also Rich. Cooke of his Majesty's Bedchamber, brother to Col. Cooke. They brought with them 6 packets which had been detained by the easterly winds. The *John* of London has sailed for Leghorn. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 254, *No.* 127.]

Jan. 21.
Custom House.

Sir J. Wolstenholme to Williamson. I much commiserate the case of Rich. Pell and others using the trade of Iceland (?) which has been long depending, and waits the report of the Secretaries of State; let it be made with expedition, as the persons have been great sufferers, and are lying at charge in expectation of a final order. [*Ibid. No.* 128.]

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Jan. 21. Whitehall. Petition of Marg. Griffith, prisoner in Newgate, to the King, that being ordered to be transported for a felony, she may be sent to Virginia, where she has a brother, and be allowed to serve with him, being too weak to undergo the hard servitude required by a stranger from a servant in foreign plantations. With reference thereon to the Lord Chief Justice, or the Recorder of London, who sat on the trial; and their report, dated 26 Jan., in favour of the petitioner, if she gives good security to go to Virginia. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 254, *No.* 129.]

Jan. 21. Entry of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 33, *p.* 4.]

Jan. 21. Whitehall. Petition of John Ludlow to the King, for a pardon. Stands convicted for stealing to the value of 14*s*., though he never did it. Is 20 years of age, and served as a soldier in the wars in Portugal against the Spaniards, where he received a wound in the head, and is forced to wear a skull plate of silver; his father was a great sufferer in his late Majesty's service. With reference thereon to the Lord Chief Justice or Mr. Recorder, and the report of the latter, John Howell. The suggestions of the petitioner are true as to the small value of the goods stolen, and as to his age and wearing a plate, but I cannot learn whether he was a soldier, or his father a sufferer.—26 Jan. 1669. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 254, *No.* 130.]

Jan. 21. Entry of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 33, *p.* 4.]

Jan. 21. Portsmouth. St. J. Steventon to the Navy Commissioners. As to the complaint of the Dutch captain, Sir Lawrence Van Heemskirk, against me, for not giving conduct money to all he sends with his note, I reply that he, not knowing the end of conduct money, which is to encourage seamen, gives his note to all that ask for conduct money from London, which I refuse to pay when I see they are servants, and know they have not come from London.

I hope I have discharged my duty by well husbanding the King's money, and not paying where it is not due, which is the cause of his complaint. Pray acquaint his Royal Highness, that I may not be under censure by an untrue information. I sent all the bills for provisions to the Comptroller, and the persons concerned in them have been several times to receive them. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 254, *No.* 131.]

Jan. 21. Portsmouth. Capt. John Hubbard to the Navy Commissioners. Some men are come from London in the *Pearl* to the *Milford* under my command. I desire an order to the clerk of the cheque for entering them from the time they first came to the *Pearl*, according to Capt. Berry's certificate, that they may have satisfaction without the making of so many tickets for so little time. [*Ibid. No.* 132.]

Jan. 21. Harwich. Capt. Silas Taylor to the Navy Commissioners. It is not with me as with other yards, where they have clerks belonging to all officers which assist in any exigency; but I have been forced to have all my accounts of receipts and issues written in London, there being none to do it here; I have not long known of my obligation to write

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out the accounts for my predecessor, which has put me to much trouble. I left 2 or 3 books with my scribe when I came from London, and hope at my return in 2 or 3 weeks, to give Sir John Mennes full satisfaction. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 254, *No.* 133.]

Jan. 22. Plymouth. Roger Baker, purser of the *Dartmouth*, to the Navy Commissioners. At the last victualling at Portsmouth, being bound for Tangiers and the Canaries, I received all but the beer, and the frigate sailing to the Downs, I was forced to take up goods on credit in lieu of it, so I bought 2 pipes of wine. I was commanded by the captain on Christmas Day to issue a pint of sack to every man, and one pipe being out, to bring the other. On 19 Jan. he sent for me to his cabin, to know whether I would own the words I had sent up to him the day before, accounting for its disposal, when he gave me 200 blows with his cane, and took me by the hair of my head, intending to dash my brains out, had not God prevented by his providence; but he so mangled my face that I fear I shall lose an eye, and while I was under the doctor's hands, he commanded the boatswain to clap me into the bilboes, atop of the forecastle, where I continued 10 hours, being nailed down with a staple to the davit.

When I was not able to subsist any longer, it being very frosty and tempestuous weather, the master commanded the weather sail to be taken from me, saying that if I would confess that I had wronged the captain, he would release me; on telling him I could not make myself guilty, he replied that I should lie there and rot; but the captain not being aboard, rather than I should perish there that night, he confined me to my cabin, with a sentinel, until the commander came on board. On his coming on board, he sent for the boatswain, and beat him about the head and face with his fist, the rest of the officers not daring to approach, as he threatened to have a council of war, and if it lay in his power, to have them hanged.

I desire that justice may be done, in the first place, to his Majesty, the commander having been guilty of 9 instances of frauds detailed, and that satisfaction may be given for such great affronts.

I have several other articles to send you, but my bones being almost broken, and having the use of only one eye, I was forced to desire a friend to write this letter. I would have sent it earlier, but it was so late before I came out of the bilboes, and I am still under restraint. [4 *pages. Ibid. No.* 134.] *Annexing,*

Certificate by Wm. Day, and 5 other officers of the Dartmouth, *that Roger Baker having been in the bilboes most part of the day, and the weather being cold, and he being in a weak condition, they have resolved for his present preservation—life being sweet, and Capt.* [*Rich.*] *Trevanion being ashore—to confine him to his cabin with a sentry, as accustomed, during the commander's pleasure.*—19 *Jan.* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 134I.]

Jan. 22. *Lenox* yacht, Holehaven. Capt. John Holmes to the Navy Commissioners. His provisions will be expended in a week; shall expect further orders. [*Ibid. No.* 135.]

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Jan. 22. Dover. Jo. Carlisle to Rob. Francis. I beg your interest in behalf of my friend John Thomas, who is unjustly accused of horsing strangers, and is in the messenger's custody. As he is my deputy, the sooner he returns the better. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 254, *No.* 136.]

Jan. 22. Yarmouth. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Upwards of 17 vessels have set sail for Lynn and Boston, and others have come in. [*Ibid. No.* 137.]

Jan. 22. Deal. Rich. Watts to Williamson. Two ships bound for Barbadoes, and one for Cadiz, are detained by contrary winds. [*Ibid. No.* 138.]

Jan. 22. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. Pray write to various postmasters to hasten the mail, which comes in so late that the merchants get displeased. [*Ibid. No.* 139.]

[Jan.] 22. Whitehall. Proclamation of the prices at which wines are to be sold for the ensuing year, as fixed by the Lord Keeper and others. [*Ibid. No.* 140.]

Jan. 22. Entry of the above. [*Printed. Proc. Coll., p.* 265.]

Jan. 22. Whitehall. Petition of George, Earl of Bristol, to the King. Though my services to his late and your present Majesty have been equalled by few, I left my recompense to the charge of the chief ministers, whom I thought my friends, but was disappointed until you were straitened by bounty to others. At length I proposed several suits for myself, none of which were refused by your Majesty, but none proved of benefit, except 10,000*l.* granted out of Mr. Heveningham's estate for my daughter's portion. I request that—as my estates have not been restored, and I can no longer maintain my family with decency—the proposals presented by me may be referred to some of the chief ministers.

With reference thereon to the Lord Keeper, Lord Privy Seal, and two Principal Secretaries of State, and their report that the 10,000*l.* which was granted him from the forfeitures on prohibited goods imported was for service, but was withdrawn on the King's displeasure towards him, and the money transferred to the Privy Purse; that he expects compensation for 16 or 17 years' loss of a pension of 2,000*l.* a year granted to his late father from the Court of Wards, and for the loss of Lord Brooke's wardship; they advise the renewal of his grant of 10,000*l.* from prohibited goods, and establishment of his pension of 2,000*l.*, so that after his eminent services, he may be comfortable the remainder of his life. With marginal notes [by Lord Arlington]. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 254, *Nos.* 141, 142.], *Annexing,*

> *Statement of the pretensions of the Earl of Bristol:—1st, to a debt of 10,000l. for moneys due to him, for which he had a privy seal drawn on the Customs, but owing to disputes with the Customers, he never received the money; 2nd, for satisfaction for a balance of 2,000l. for the remaining term of a pension granted to his late father from the Court of Wards, for which he requests a lease of lands; 3rd, for reparation for the wardship of Lord Brooke, the only profitable thing assigned him, but which he lost by the abolition of the Court of Wards.* [3½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 142 I.]

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Jan. 22. Suggestions to remedy the dearness of timber, by throwing open the trade to all, allowing its import in any vessels, charging the English only such duties as they paid before the Act of Navigation, and permitting them to import what they choose in any ships, but confining foreigners to woods of their own growth; showing the advantages thereof in bringing back the trade to the English, and giving life to house-building and ship-building. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 254, *No.* 143.]

Jan. 23. Statements to prove that the effect of the Act of Navigation has been to throw the timber trade into the hands of the Danes; that the high price of timber takes money from the English, many of them sufferers from the late grievous fire, and gives it to Danes; advising that the trade be thrown open, and showing the importance of cheap timber, especially for rebuilding the city. [1½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 144.]

Jan. 23.
Whitehall. Warrant to Sir Gilbert Talbot, master of the Jewel House, to grant a discharge to Wm. Dike, serjeant of the scullery, for 1,270½ oz. of plate lost or wasted in the King's service, from the Restoration to 21 Jan. 1667–8, the plate having been employed in hazardous services, as the coronation, feasts of St. George, &c., and the waste not being so great as on like occasions formerly. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *p.* 82.]

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Whitehall. Order for a warrant to Dudley Rows, receiver of the revenues of Windsor Castle, to pay 100*l.* to John Lawrence, and for the same to be allowed in his accounts. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 26, *f.* 44.]

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Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. Above 100 bales of canvas and Holland duck, and several other goods, value 200*l.*, have been washed onto the beach, supposed to have come from the Goodwin Sands, or the wreck near Deal Castle. The boisterous weather continues. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 254, *No.* 145.]

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Chester. Ma. Anderton to Williamson. The *Resolution* and 2 others have been lost on the coast of Ireland, but nearly all their men were saved. Your postmasters of North Wales are much to blame, as they never send our Beaumaris or Conway letters, until the Irish mail comes over. [*Ibid. No.* 146.]

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Lyme. Ant. Thorold to James Hickes. The *Mary* from St. Malo reports that there is no sign of a breach there with the Dutch or English, the trade being carried on amicably with the vessels of both. [*Ibid. No.* 147.]

Jan. 23.
Bristol. John Roche and Chris. Baynes to Laurence Du Puy, Mall House, St. James'. We met Mr. Beanes on our arrival here, but when we waited upon the Mayor, he put us off. There are others here with pricking lotteries; we do not know their names, nor by what authority they act, only we fear it will be an obstruction to your interest if permitted. We have had our bill paid on sight, and will send a just account of our charges, &c. [*Ibid. No.* 148.]

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Montpelier. W. Allestree to [Williamson]. The great ship *St. Louis Royal* is almost finished at Toulon, and seems to grace that port as well as

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the Louvre does Paris. She is 147 feet in length by 13 in breadth, and has 3 whole decks, all so high that the most proper man may stand upright under them, and yet not reach the top by a span. She carries 110 brass guns, of 24, 18, and 12 lbs, and is to have 1,000 men. Her cabins are so glorious and shining that they seem rather made for diversion than fighting, and so beautified with pictures, as if she were that way charmed against the force of bullets. Her stern is adorned with such gilt and carved work, and the King set there in so great pomp and majesty, with slaves in chains at his feet, that he seems to triumph over captive Barbary before he has put to sea. The faults which persons of judgment find are that she is much too high for her length, that her guns are too small, and that she will never sail well.

I intend to leave these parts in 3 months, spend some time on the river Loire, and from thence to Paris and London. I have very little news; as I have obeyed your counsels and commands in coming into France, I hope I am not banished from your thoughts. [1½ *pages*. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 254, *No.* 149.]

Jan. 23. Sir John Mennes to Pepys. I had some discourse with Lord Brouncker and Sir Wm. Warren, about the freight and hire of the *Golden Sun*, which went to Portsmouth or Plymouth in 1666; I want further information on several points given before our next meeting on Tuesday, when I hope the case will have a final determination, by seeing his Majesty have right done him, as well as the merchant. [*Ibid. No.* 150.] *Encloses,*

> *S. Pepys to Sir Wm. Warren. I have been with Sir Wm. Coventry about your ship, and we will give you satisfaction for her service, but she must be in a condition to sail in two days. I have written to Mr. White to assist in getting men, and enclose a letter from Sir Wm. Coventry to the Governor of the Castle to assist him.*—27 *July* 1666. [*Copy. Ibid. No.* 150I.]

Jan. 23. Portsmouth. Capt. Ant. Deane to the Navy Commissioners. We docked the *Fairfax* and *Advice*, which are very defective, having been in many engagements, where their timbers were cut almost in pieces. If we are to go in hand with them, we shall require 500 thick spruce deals; meantime we shall employ the men with what we have in the yard. I desire that the ships committed to my care may be put into repair to proceed to service when required, but meantime 6 of the ships here are not to be reckoned. If I have a supply of things wanted, I hope to give content in their despatch before the summer passes. [1½ *pages*. *Ibid. No.* 151.]

Jan. 23. Col. B. Reymes to Pepys. Had the Board met, Lord Brouncker promised to move you in my small business. Pray speak to him and Sir John Mennes about it, that I may find the effects of your favour in so just a debt, contracted for so good an end as the promoting the manufacture of English sail cloth. [*Ibid. No.* 152.]

Jan. 24. *Garland*, Downs. Capt. Rich. Rooth to the Navy Commissioners. I received the credit for 100*l*. at Tangiers, for supplying myself with a month's provisions at Cadiz, which I was constrained to take up by my long stay before Sally. I hope to arrive in London suddenly, for the season has prevented longer stay on the coast of Barbary. I have left the *Francis* to attend the garrison of Tangiers, and sailed from Cadiz with the *Success*, 31 Dec. The *Garland* requires repair, having sprung a leak, which stopped again of itself; if his Royal Highness shall order her in, I beseech that it may be up to Deptford. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 254, *No.* 153.]

Jan. 24. Dover. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. I repeat my request on behalf of my deputy, John Thomas, falsely charged with horsing strangers, and desire his despatch, as I am ill. I hear that the French King is drawing his forces out of Flanders to Lorraine, and that he has sent to the General of Flanders to deliver up Nieuport, and its appendages, otherwise he will have them; it is believed the Duke de Lorraine's forces will serve the King of France. A French shallop has come in which had nearly been cast away; the master was drowned. [*Ibid. No.* 154.]

Jan. 24. Sir M. d'Ognati to [Williamson]. I sympathize so with the Abbé of Tulay, that I shall not be better till he has recovered his health. I am to be bled this afternoon. Please send me the order for despatch of the wines, that I may show the [Spanish] Ambassador that I have credit with you. [*French. Ibid. No.* 155.]

Jan. 25. Warrant for 30 tuns of wine, half French and half Spanish, free of custom, for the Condé de Molina, the Spanish Ambassador. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 102.]

Jan. 25. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Hickes. The *Rebecca* and *Harp* have arrived from France for Ireland; 15 sail of merchantmen left the harbour. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 254, *No.* 156.]

Jan. 25. Lyme. Ant. Thorold to Hickes. The *Windsor* and *Sarah* have arrived from Morlaix, and report that the French are making great preparations for war, both by sea and land, having 40,000 men ready for march, and listing more daily; also that beside ships already built, they have several others of great force upon the stocks. There are few Dutch ships in any of the French ports, and a breach is expected early in the spring. [*Ibid. No.* 157.]

Jan. 25. Bristol. James Baskerville to Williamson. The *Mary* and the *John and Henry* have arrived from the Straits. The former, on weighing her anchor, had her capstan give way, so that what with the bars and cable, most of the ship's company were borne down. One man was killed, the master's leg and thigh were broken, and several others were grievously wounded. [*Ibid No.* 158.]

Jan. 25. Milford. John Powell to Williamson. A ship from Bordeaux, laden with wines, has put in here by contrary winds; also one from Spain laden with the same. [*Ibid. No.* 159.]

Jan. 25. Same to Hickes. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 160.]

Jan. 25. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. The *Dartmouth* and the ships for the East have sailed with a fair wind; some ships bound for Bordeaux, the Straits, and Barbadoes have arrived. [*Ibid. No.* 161.]

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Jan. 25. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. The *John* of London, with a quantity of Canary wine, ran aground on the Goodwin, when her company left her, except two children, after which she fired, and is now burning. It is said that there are two chests of gold dust, and much other gold, as also elephants' teeth, and other rich commodities on board. Great boats are going off to her assistance. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 254, *No.* 162.]

Jan. 25. Treasury Chambers. Sir George Downing to the Navy Commissioners. The Lords Commissioners desire you to be here on Wednesday by 9 a.m., about perfecting the victuallers' contract. [*Ibid. No.* 163.]

Jan. 26. Woolwich. Giles Bond, Master of the *Hope* galliot, to the Navy Commissioners. I desire you to order me some provisions, as my vessel will be launched to-day, and ready by the end of the week. [*Ibid. No.* 164.]

Jan. 26. Warrant for permitting Robert Andrews, sheriff of Northamptonshire, to live out of the county, being so advised for his health, he taking care that the service be not prejudiced thereby. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 102.]

Jan. 26. Pass for 2 horses to Holland. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 26. Warrant to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, to grant to Edw. Vernon the offices of keeper and ranger of Marchington Ward in Needwood Forest, co. Stafford, during his life, and the lives of George Vernon and Rich. Adderly, on his surrender of a similar grant made by the late King to his father, Sir Edw. Vernon; fee 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and allowances for hay, &c., for the deer. [*Ibid.*]

[Jan. 26.] Warrant to Capt. Dowghty to preserve the game in the manor of Richmond. Minute. [*Ibid. f.* 103.]

Jan. 26. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. The *Mary and Jane* from Jamaica has arrived; the *Dartmouth* frigate is still in this port, and other ships are waiting wind. [*S P. Dom., Car. II.* 254, *No.* 165.]

Jan. 26. Same to Williamson. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 166.]

Jan. 26. Sir John Marlay to [Williamson]. I hope my age and lameness will excuse my non-attendance. Pray entreat Lord Arlington to solicit his Majesty to refer my petition to the Treasury Commissioners. [*Ibid. No.* 167.]

Jan. 26. Co[ventry]. Ralph Hope to Rob. Francis. I have missed my [news] letters for 3 posts; let me know the reason why I do not deserve your courtesy, and I will amend anything that disentitles me. [*Ibid. No.* 168.]

Jan. 27. Ralph Bostock to Rob. Francis. Hearing that there are several vacancies as land waiters in the Custom House, if you have any interest with the Farmers, I beg that you will use it on my behalf, and I will freely give 20*l.* [*Ibid. No.* 169.]

Jan 27. Rye. James Welsh to Williamson. M. de Foy, the French Ambassador's servant, still lies in the prison here ready to perish, having nothing

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but straw to keep him from the extremity of the weather, and only the charity of the people to feed on. If you can, let the Ambassador know of it, as it will tend much to his dishonour if Foy should perish, for want of a supply to satisfy a debt contracted upon account of his voyage over to England to serve him. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 254, *No.* 170.]

Jan. 27. Woolwich. Wm. Acworth to the Navy Commissioners. There were 21 casks of several sorts of ironwork in the storehouse, received from Portsmouth, in one of which were 100 dozen of Dutch rings, and 30 dozen of hinges; but it was broken open by the labourers, and the goods taken away. I desire that the wages of two of them, named Knight and Kent, may be stopped until the delinquents are discovered, the value of the rings and hinges taken away amounting to 13*l.* 10*s.* [*Ibid. No.* 171.]

Jan. 27. Portsmouth. Capt. Ant. Deane to the Navy Commissioners. The works on the new ship, and also on the *Fairfax*, *Advice*, &c., depend upon a supply of plank; your answer that as soon as money can be had, care shall be taken for a supply, will be too late, except it be presently done, as were money here, there are not 10 loads of plank in this country, except Mr. Coles', whose goods are not so good as you would expect, nor will he let you have them unless he has payment of former moneys due, as well as ready money; so we must either be supplied from London, discharge the men, or be contented that they shall stand still. If no plank already cut can be had, plank cut green out of timber purchased this spring will not be fit to work until the end of summer; the using of such wood is the real cause of so many ships being bad. Money must be had, and an assurance made by contract with whomever I can find, to supply timber and convert it to plank. If you cannot make good 1,000*l.* or 2,000*l.* for this, a great deal more must be speedily provided to pay off the men. [3 *pages. Ibid. No.* 172.]

Jan. 28. Portsmouth. Capt. John Tinker to the Navy Commissioners. We will give all possible despatch to the fitting of the *Nonsuch* and *Pearl* for the Straits; we want shovels. The *Milford* will sail to-day. [*Ibid. No.* 173.]

Jan. 28. Woolwich. Edw. Byland to Pepys. We have launched the *Katherine* and *Anne* yachts, and the *Hope* hoy, and docked the *Jersey* and *Wevenhoe* ketch; but the dock being small, we put the hoy out again, and laid ways for launching her. I want orders to go in hand with the *Jersey*, which I will fit with such provisions as the yard affords, or as you please to send; we want a new mainmast from Deptford for her. We intend heaving up the mooring lighter, which was damaged by the frost. The reed in Ham Creek is worth 20*l.*, and the charge of cutting and bringing it over will amount to 6*l.* 10*s.* [*Ibid. No.* 174.]

Jan. 28. The King to the Governors of the Charterhouse. We request you to admit William, son of Eliz. Thompson, a scholar on

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the Charterhouse, on the first vacancy after placing those already recommended. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 25, *f.* 84.]

Jan. 28. John Snell to Williamson. The Lord Keeper has caused the great seal to be affixed to the instrument sent, but doubts whether *Legato* or *Ambassadori* ought not to be inserted for *Oratori;* the words are "*apud magnum Ducem Hetruriæ oratori.*" You are to look at the copy of that commission, and see by what name the party resides there. Endorsed "The commission to Sir John Finch." [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 254, *No.* 175.]

Jan. 28. Gilbert Thomas to Williamson. I have made inquiries after Howard Coney, and send a description of his person. [*Ibid. No.* 176.]

Jan. 28. Capt. Henry Spencer to Rob. Leigh, Dublin. I received the Lord Deputy's warrant, and your letter to Sir George Rawdon, for apprehending Coney for a robbery at Whitehall. As Sir George has gone to Dublin, and Coney has removed from his habitation, I return the letter, but will keep the warrant, and use my best endeavours to find him. Had the letter come 24 hours earlier, the man might have been got, as I saw him the day before [*Ibid. No.* 177.]

Jan. 29. Col. Walter Slingsby to Williamson. You may perceive, from those who were with you yesterday, how apt some men are to stand in their own light. Since a few widows are to be admitted, and as the bearer, Mrs. De Luc, deserves beyond expression, I earnestly hope his lordship will signify his design to have her admitted, and then leave it to me to manage. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 255, *No.* 1.]

Jan. ? Petition of Rob. Underwood, father of Dorothy Kirk, nurse of the late Duke of Cambridge, to the King, for a letter to the Governors of Sutton's Hospital, to admit him on the next vacancy. Had an estate of 150*l.* a year before the late troubles, but lost much by aiding the loyal party, and buried his wife and most of his family and tenants in the late contagion. [*Ibid. No.* 2.]

Jan. ? Petition of the same to the Duke of York, to the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 3.]

Jan. ? Petition of the same to Lord Arlington, a Governor of Sutton's Hospital, for a letter to Sir Ralph Sydenham, master, to admit him on the present vacancy; no letter is before his, and he has spent all he has in looking after the place; lost many hundred pounds by his loyalty during the usurpation. [*Ibid. No.* 4.]

Jan. ? Statement by Rob. Underwood, that he thinks the Charterhouse Governors would have admitted him, but he could not readily answer their questions, and Lord Arlington told him that he was not qualified, being neither soldier, servant, nor sufferer for the King; whereas he really lost 600*l.*, spent for the loyal party. [*Ibid. No.* 5.]

Jan. 29. The King to the Governors of the Charterhouse. We recommend Rob. Underwood, reduced by loyalty from a competent estate to great decay, for the next pensioner's place void after those already recommended. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 17, *p.* 279.]

[Jan. 29.] [Whitehall.] Petition of Ralph Salkeld to the King, for pardon and release of his fortune, forfeited because in Aug. 1664, after the prohibition for any who had served against the King in the late usurpation to wear arms, he reproved Rich. Ogle of Eglingham, Northumberland, for appearing with his sword, and a quarrel arising, gave him a slight wound, through neglect of which he died. Has lost his right arm since, in war against the Dutch. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 255, *No.* 6.]

Jan. 29. Reference of the above petition to the Attorney-General. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 6.]

Jan. 29. Presentation of David Lawrence to the vicarage of Maker, co. Devon, void by resignation of Rob. Warren. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 19, *p.* 93.]

Jan. 29. Pass for six horses to France, for the Duke of Crequy. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *p.* 70.]

Jan. 29. Grant to Thomas Segar of the office of Bluemantle Pursuivant-at-Arms, void by death of Rich. Hornybrooke; fee 20*l.* yearly. Minute. [*Ibid. f.* 103.]

Docquet of the above, dated 18 Feb. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 13.]

Jan. 29. Warrant to the Sheriffs of London to allow Marg. Griffith, convicted of felony at the Old Bailey sessions and sentenced to transportation, to go and live with her brother, who is in Virginia, on giving security so to do; granted on her petition in compassion to her weakness. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 99.]

Jan. Draft of the above, dated 27 Jan. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 255, *No.* 7.]

Jan. 29. Bristol. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Commissioners. Thanks for your care of my condition, which was never at a lower ebb for want of money, by which means my credit is much impaired, and life made uncomfortable. I have been forced to leave Lydney, and come to Bristol, to engage my person as I formerly did my credit.

I intended for London, and there to settle, but have no hopes of coming from these parts before men be satisfied. I owe Sir John Wintour, Mr. Clayton, and others, 400*l.* for iron for the wares sent and used up in the ships, and the shopkeepers here, of whom I had commodities for the *St. David*, *Dartmouth*, *Richmond*, and *Harp*, are so pressing for their money, that I cannot walk the streets in peace; country and city are now too hot for me. Pray consider my sufferings and patience, and put an end to them. I would have been with you, but have not money to leave my family for their subsistence, or to defray my expenses up. The little stock I had is all out, and much more in credit on the King's account, and I have not wherewith to do merchants' work, or set myself and servants to work. It will be my utter ruin if I cannot get some stock. [1½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 8.]

Jan. 29. The *Milford*, Spithead. Capt. Thos. Locke to Pepys. I have entered myself aboard the *Milford*, hoping you will obtain me some place, for I understand there are several ships going to sea. If I cannot have a command, let me have a cook's place. [*Ibid. No.* 9.]

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Dover.
Thos. White to Pepys. I beseech you to move the Board for arrears of money due to me and others; we are in extraordinary want, which makes the poor men impatient, and they exclaim against me. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 255, *No.* 10.]

Jan. 30.
List by Wm. Burroughes of the pursers and their ships who have not passed their accounts, or brought in their books in order thereto. [9 *pages. Ibid. No.* 11.]

Jan. 30
List by the same of 25 pursers who are in debt on their accounts, and do not appear to pay the balance. [*Ibid. No.* 12.]

Jan. 30.
Roebuck,
Downs.
Capt. George Liddell to the Navy Commissioners. I sent up by the *Garland* the anchor, cable, and rope, and shall send their dimensions by the next post. Capts. Strickland and Rooth, with their frigates, sailed yesterday, and Capt. Trevanion, with the *Dartmouth,* came in last night. [*Ibid. No.* 13.]

Jan. 30.
Stockwith.
John Russell to the Navy Commissioners. A great land flood on the 26th floated the timber in the marshes and on the wharf, some of which went adrift. I will attend you when it is drawn together. I have sent two of the hoys to Woolwich and Deptford, and enclose their bills of lading. I desire you to order the masters to be more careful in stowing their timber. [*Ibid. No.* 14.]

Jan. 30.
Deal.
Rich. Watts to Williamson. I have been filled with employment by the Guinea ship, which struck on the Goodwin Sands, and after the men had left her, fired, and drove 4 or 5 miles northward. The seamen ventured out in boats, and fetched away most of the elephants' teeth, and some dyeing wood, which was the principal cargo. The wreck where the soldiers had the command comes to so poor account that the merchants have resolved to leave off inquiry here, and make their address to Whitehall, for satisfaction for what the soldiers have purloined. The whole discourse is of a war with France, but those of better judgment pray for peace. [*Ibid. No.* 15.]

Jan. 30.
Weymouth.
John Pocock to Hickes. I hear by a vessel from Bayonne that 8 frigates of 40 and 50 guns each have been launched, that 4 more are ready, and that they are building in all parts of France. [*Ibid. No.* 16.]

Jan. 30.
Pembroke.
John Powell to Williamson. The fair winds on Wednesday last brought out all the vessels in Milford, except the *Agnes* of Leith with wines from Bordeaux. [*Ibid. No.* 17.]

Jan. 31.
Deal.
Rich. Watts to Rob. Francis. Pray speak to Mr. Williamson to influence Lord Arlington on my behalf, that I may regain my former employment as surveyor. The Guinea wreck will not be much out of the company's way, as they are recovering most part of the goods, and the commander, officers, and seamen lose their wages. [*Ibid. No.* 18.]

Jan. 31.
Deal.
Rich. Watts to Williamson. When I was dismissed from my surveyorship, the Farmers of the Customs bade me complain against

Marsh that put me out, if I could find aught against him. I send a copy of the articles which I have against him, and will send another copy to Mr. Snow, who will present them in private to the 2 aldermen. I have assurance from Mr. Snow, my Lord of Canterbury's treasurer, that Alderman Backwell and Sir Rob. Vyner take great notice of the trick that was played me, by thrusting me out without any complaint, and have assured him they will suddenly take notice of our ports, and remember me. My whole business now is to make Sir John Wolstenholme and Sir John Shaw my friends. Pray speak to them on my behalf, as it was by your favour I first got the employment. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 255, *No.* 19.] *Annexing,*

> *Eight articles of complaints by Rich. Watts, against Barth. Marsh, surveyor at Deal, for buying exciseable articles of several persons named on board ships, and evading payment of the duties.*—29 *Jan.* 1669. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ *pages. Ibid. No.* 19I.]

Jan. 31. Rushton. G. Blount to [Williamson]. Both myself and wife have felt the good effects of your writing to Col. O'Brien and Lady Thomond, and are glad to hear the Colonel owns the debt to you; as he desires to know to whom he is to pay it, my wife desires it may be paid to you, when the bonds, judgments, &c., and a discharge from Rouse and Meurrill, to whom the bond was made by my cousin, shall be delivered up to you. Mr. Buxton will have nothing to do with them, but upon payment of the debt to you, we will free him by giving up his engagements. I have sent for the account, and when received, will forward it. With a note by M. Blount, thanking him for his interference. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 20.]

Jan. 31. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Milford* is ordered to the Groyne, to attend the young Duke of Tuscany; the *Portland,* formerly intended for that service, has come in to refit, having lost her masts. The *Pearl* has received orders to carry a packet to Sir Thos. Allin. The *Dartmouth,* that was appointed convoy for the Canaries, rides in St. Helens; she came from Cadiz, and touched at Tangiers, where all things are in good condition. [*Ibid. No.* 21.]

Jan. 31. Portsmouth. Capt. Ant. Deane to the Navy Commissioners. I give you particulars as to how far you may depend on the instrument mentioned by Lord Brouncker, and what he will be expected to perform and be responsible for, being borne as a shipwright. I hope you have taken some course for speedily supplying plank, deals, and other goods, of which I have so great a want. [$1\frac{2}{3}$ *pages. Ibid. No.* 22.]

[Jan.] Account by B. St. Michel, muster master, of 40 ships mustered by him in the Downs, between Aug and Dec. 1668; crews from 288 to 39: total men, 4,078; runaways, 1,556; also of weekly payments made by him in relation thereto, between July 1668 and the January following. [$2\frac{1}{2}$ *pages. Ibid. No.* 23.]

[Jan.] Memorandum that Alice, Duchess Dudley, who died at her house near St. Giles' Church, Holborn, 22 Jan. 1668–9, in her lifetime gave for the augmentation of 6 vicarages named in co. Warwick, 20*l.* yearly apiece for ever; also to the same churches, and several others, divers large pieces of plate, to be used at the celebration of the Sacrament. That she gave to the church of St. Giles the greatest bell in the steeple, and divers great pieces of massive plate; paved the chancel with marble, built the fair blue gate at the entrance to the churchyard, and purchased a fair house of 30*l.* a year value, for the perpetual incumbent. She also gave the hangings for the choir, which cost 80*l.* 10*s.*; 2 service books, embroidered in gold, 5*l.*; a velvet altar cloth with gold fringe, 60*l.*; a cambric cloth to lay over it, with a deep bone lace, 4*l.* 10*s.*; another fine damask cloth, 3*l.*; 2 cushions for the altar, richly embroidered with gold, 10*l.*; a Turkey carpet to lay before the altar, 6*l.*; a long screen to sever the chancel from the church, richly carved and gilt, 200*l.*; a fair organ, 100*l.*; the organ loft, richly wrought and gilt, and a tablet of the 10 commandments, the Creed, and Lord's Prayer, richly adorned, 80*l.*; the rails before the altar, curiously carved and gilt, 40*l.* She also gave 100*l.* towards the repair of the steeple at St. Sepulchre's without Newgate, which was much defaced by the woeful fire.

By her will she bequeathed 100*l.* a year for ever for the redemption of Christian captives out of the hands of the Turks; 100*l.* for ever to the poor of the parish of Stoneley and 7 other parishes named; 400*l.* for the purchase of lands in augmentation for the maintenance of the poor in the almshouse near St. Giles' Church; and 200*l.* for placing out poor apprentices; 50*l.* to be distributed to poor people on the day of her funeral; 5*l.* to each place where her body should rest in its passage from London to Stoneley, in Warwickshire, where she has a noble monument, erected divers years since, of black and white marble, which cost above 300*l.*; also 6*d.* apiece to every indigent person meeting her corpse on the road from London to Stoneley. [1½ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 255, *No.* 24. *See pp.* 208, 209, *infra.*]

[Jan.] Petition of Zachary Browne to the Duke of York, for such consideration as he shall think fit, being wholly deprived of the use of his left hand by an engagement with the French at Martinique, while commander of the *Assistance.* [*Ibid. No.* 25.] *Enclosing,*

> *Certificate by J. Pearse, Surgeon-General, to the truth of the above petition.*—17 *Jan.* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 25I.]

Jan.? Petition of Mary, wife of Robert Everard, prisoner in the Gatehouse, Westminster, to Lord Arlington, that her husband may be removed to King's Bench Prison, or otherwise relieved; for want of means, he is in the lower ward, where he has been a month, and it is so noisome that his life is in danger. [*Ibid. No.* 26.]

Jan. Saturday. Thos. Corney to Williamson. For God's sake see what may be done in my business, as I am reduced to that low ebb that I am ashamed to stir abroad, having had all my clothes stolen out of my lodging; and yet I have a friend who will advance anything for the getting of this place for a livelihood for me. The situation is in the disposal of the Ordnance Commissioners, and may be had with one word from his lordship. [*Ibid. No.* 27.]

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Jan. ? Thos. Fletcher to [Pepys]. Pray obtain me a bill of imprest, without which I cannot despatch the carved works of so many frigates as are now setting forth at Chatham. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 255, *No.* 28.]

Jan. Lord St. John to Lord Arlington. Pray offer Thos. Neale to his Majesty, as a deputy-lieutenant under my command, in the room of Lord Sandys, deceased. [*Ibid. No.* 29. *This should have preceded the Declaration on Neale's behalf, p.* 159 *supra.*]

Jan. ? Warrant for a grant to John, son of Sir John Skelton, of pardon, with restitution of goods, for killing Fras. Edgecombe. [*Draft. Ibid. No.* 29A.]

Jan. Grant to Wm. Legge, page of honour, of a pension of 120*l.* a year. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 8.]

Jan. Lists sent by Mor. Lodge, of Deal, to Williamson, of ships in the Downs during the month, as follows:—

Vol. 255. No.	Date.	King's.	Merchant.	Wind.
30	Jan. 1	2	12	N.N.W.
31	,, 2	2	13	N.E.
32	,, 3	2	9	N.W.
33	,, 4	2	6	S.E.
34	,, 5	2	6	E.
35	,, 6	2	7	E.
36	,, 7	1	6	E.
37	,, 8	1	6	N.W.
38	,, 9	1	1	E.
39	,, 10	1	1	E.
40	,, 11	1	1	E.
41	,, 12	1	1	E.
42	,, 13	1	1	N.E.
43	,, 14	2	—	W.
44	,, 15	2	—	E.
45	,, 16	1	—	W.
46	,, 17	1	—	E.
47	,, 18	1	1	S.W.
48	,, 20	1	5	N.N.W.
49	,, 21	1	3	S.
50	,, 22	1	5	S.
51	,, 23	1	6	S.W.
52	,, 24	1	5	S.W.
53	,, 25	3	3	E.S.E.
54	,, 26	3	6	N.
55	,, 27	3	2	N.E.
56	,, 28	3	4	S.E.
57	,, 29	1	5	W.
58	,, 30	2	11	N.W.
59	,, 31	1	18	W.N.W.

Feb. 1. Certificate by Herbert, Bishop of Hereford. Mr. Willis has been presented to the vicarage of Kingston by the Countess of Dysart, the supposed lawful patroness, and is hindered from institution by a caveat entered by Mr. Ramsey, who pretends a title thereto; but as the bishop of the diocese has appointed Mr. Willis to officiate there until the right patronage is determined, he cannot do so without hazarding his other living of Dinton by non-residence. I conceive that as Mr. Willis is chaplain to his Majesty, by virtue of a statute made for the purpose, the King may grant him a

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dispensation for residence on his other living, he providing a curate to be approved of by the bishop, to officiate at Kingston. [*See* 5 *Feb. infra. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 255, *No.* 60.]

Feb. 1. Dr. Henry Vinter to Williamson. My wife wishes you to taste a country dish, and sends you a chine of pork and a turkey. I call it a turkey because it has no fellow, but it had one before Reynard surprised her, and therefore we dare not keep this any longer, for fear she should follow her many brothers and sisters that have gone before her. I hear that Dr. Gillingham, prebend of Windsor, has been dead 5 weeks. I once supplied his month for him, and the charges attending, but shall not look to be repaid by succeeding him, hearing there is a mandate lying ready for the place. [*Ibid. No.* 61.]

Feb. 1. Yarmouth. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Between 20 and 30 laden ships have arrived from Hull and Newcastle; several colliers are at anchor in the roads. [*Ibid. No.* 62.]

Feb. 1. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Hickes. Arrival of the *Ann* from the Canaries with wine, the *John and William* bound for the Barbadoes, the *Welcome* of London from New England, with tobacco, sugar, &c., and the *Elizabeth* from Dover, bound for Bordeaux. [*Ibid. No.* 63.]

Feb. 1. The King to the Duke of York. Finding it an advantage to hire merchant vessels for convoys, rather than use ships of war, we authorize you to hire as many merchant vessels as will be required for the next summer. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 17, *p.* 280.]

Feb. 1. Whitehall. Recommendation to the Treasury Commissioners of the petition of Adam de Cardonnel, for continuance of his deputy in the office of customer at Southampton, he being obliged to attend to some affairs of his late brother in Normandy. The King is disposed to grant it on account of the loyalty and useful services of the petitioner and his family. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 6.]

Feb. 1. Whitehall. Reference to the Treasury Commissioners of the petition of Wm. Duncker, for speedy payment for several jewels furnished to his Majesty. He had an assignment from the late Lord Treasurer on the hearth money, but it has been stopped for 2 years, on pretence of that revenue's being assigned to the city. [*Ibid. p.* 7.]

Feb. 1. Woolwich. W. Hannam to the Navy Commissioners. I have not received an order requested to the Ordnance officers, for a dozen old guns to make fast hawsers when ships lie ashore, though you signified you would write to them for that purpose. Shall I set the low masts of frigates that want them, as opportunity presents, the spring of the year coming on apace? [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 255, *No.* 64.]

Feb. 1. *Roebuck*, Downs. Capt. George Liddell to the Navy Commissioners. I received the boatswain and carpenter's stores, and sent up the anchor, cable, and buoy rope, to be delivered at Deptford. I send a copy of my receipt. [*Ibid. No.* 65.]

Feb. 2 *Lenox*, Holehaven. Capt. John Holmes to Pepys. Pray move the Board for a supply of victuals. I wrote 10 days since, but to no effect. [*Ibid. No.* 66.]

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M. Wren to Pepys. I desire that your proposition for balancing the storekeeper's account may be sent to his Royal Highness, as he cannot come to a resolution without it. I am detained so long at the African House that I cannot wait on you. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 255, *No.* 67.]

Feb. 2.
Portsmouth.

St. J. Steventon to Pepys. John Leafe well remembers he was borne on the *Hardereen* or *Shepherd* flyboat, but there was never a ketch or galliot of that name; it is a mistake in the transcript. I have inquired about Mr. Furzer's anchors aboard the *Edgar*, but we cannot distinguish them from others, and the boatswain who shipped them being in London, we cannot send up the bill until he returns. I carried the Board's letter to Mr. Capelin at Southampton, for delivering the hemp, which he will do. [*Damaged. Ibid. No.* 68.]

Feb. 2.

Robert Mayors to [the Navy Commissioners]. I repaired to Weybridge, and found 600 loads of compass timber lying by the water side, belonging to Asting Kingsberry and Edw. Buckley, which is fit for the new ship at Deptford. [*Ibid. No.* 69.]

Feb. 2.

Certificate by Henry Marson, and 5 other inhabitants of St. Olave, Southwark, that James Roffey has been a distiller there for many years, and that it has been his employment ever since they knew him. [*Ibid. No.* 70.]

Feb. 2.
Hull.

Col. Ant. Gilby to Williamson. I petitioned his Majesty to have the drowned lands in the Humber in fee farm, under a small rent, but a lease for 31 years was all I could obtain from the Treasury Commissioners, which was too small encouragement for the great hazard. Having however gone too far to give over without some trial, I beg you to move Lord Arlington to obtain his Majesty's approbation to what the Lords have done.

There is a general disturbance in men's minds by an apprehension of changes, particularly in the affairs of the Church, about which rumours are scattered by disaffected persons; but what course to take to suppress the present licentiousness of discourse will not become me to offer. If the bearer, my kinsman, could be of any service, you would find him an honest and not unfit servant. [1½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 71.]

Feb. 2.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. It was not the *Dartmouth* that was at St. Helen's Road, but a Dutch man-of-war, bound for the Straits. The *Milford* and *Pearl* still ride at Spithead. The *Portland* has her new masts, and will soon be ready to sail. [*Ibid. No.* 72.]

Feb. 2.
The *Monmouth*,
Algiers Bay.

Sir Thos. Allin to Williamson. We have been 19 days coming from Genoa, having had great storms and winds, which have split and blown away the best of our sails, and the *Yarmouth's* foremast is cracked and split.

We found that these people had given orders to bring up all English [ships] that had foreigners' goods, and that they had taken out of the *William* of London 60 Spaniards, many friars, and a person of quality, for whom they want 100,000 pieces of eight as ransom.

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Feb. 2. They next brought up the *Phœnix* of London, laden with sugar, tobacco, &c., which they unloaded, paid the freight, and sent her away. They had the *Peter Westlocke*, also of London, but I having demanded satisfaction for the others, it put them to consult, so that she got away the next morning, and came to me; but had she stayed longer, she would have been made prize.

Three of their frigates came in with a British vessel from Leghorn, richly laden with silk, coral, and other goods; they came sneaking so close to the shore that we could not get at them. They were very fierce with this vessel for carrying 3 Slavonian women of the Bashaw's town; he appeared and was very angry, and nothing would serve him but sending the 3 frigates to let the Grand Seignior know that the English sold his subjects, and that our ambassadors and merchants must be clapped up; whereas they daily break the English articles, by suffering those of Sally to send our men to Algiers, to be there sold. The 3 women were passengers sent by Peter de Silva, owner of the lading, but it was the loss of the goods; otherwise the Bashaw would have used his interest to free the ship for a good bribe.

They say they must have their frigates if we carry foreigners and their goods, and as they meet none but English, this, with their necessity for want of money to pay their soldiers, has made them break the 2nd and 14th articles, which the English have long strove for. They say they will not break with us, or take our ships or merchandize, until we break with them, which makes me consider how to handle with them. I intend to pretend we can do nothing until the King has cognizance of these actings, and returns his answer, which I hope will serve the turn until we can be ready for them. Our fleet being parted, we have but 5 here; one fireship was lost at Tangiers, the other lading, at Leghorn, marble stones for the King's new building. All our ships are foul, and we have but 7 weeks' provisions, at short allowance; all our boatswains' and carpenters' stores are expended, and very little money left. These and other difficulties make me grey-headed. I wish there were a better statesman to manage these affairs, although none serve with a greater desire to please the King than myself.

On 24 Jan. they sent me notice that they were resolved that whatever English ship they met, with Turkish people aboard, should be condemned as prize, and the men made slaves; also that all ships having more strangers than natives—let them be passengers, merchants, or mariners—should be all alike prize; but they verbally promised that all our ships not offending these 2 articles should go free; but we must not believe them, they having broken their first articles, upon which I demanded the *Phœnix's* sugar, tobacco, &c., and her captain had not offended in either. They offered the return of Capt. Taylor's ship, &c., on condition I presented them with 15 barrels of powder, and 2 slaves that were in our ships. This I agreed to do, on their promise to pay the damage, whereupon, on 1 Feb., they delivered up his ship, sails, and 200 pieces of eight, towards the charge he was at.

On the 2nd I sent Capt. Lloyd for their final answer to all my demands, and he brought 2 papers of their agreeing to keep strictly to the old articles, with the 2 exceptions before mentioned. [1¼ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 255, *No.* 73.]

Feb. 3. Earl of Craven, Sir John Denham, and Sir P. Howard, Commissioners of Streets and Highways, to Lord Arlington. As Wm. Heart is appointed Paviour-General, and the King has spoken to you to draw up a warrant for a patent of his place, we beg to inform you that we have often employed him, and found him capable and honest in all his dealings; and that as soon as his patent can be despatched, we intend to set him about paving the way going down to your house from Tothill Street. [*Ibid. No.* 74.] *Enclosing,*

Heads of a patent for creating Wm. Heart Paviour-General for England. [2½ *pages. See p.* 190 *infra. Ibid. No.* 74I.]

Feb. 3. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Williamson. The *Ann* and other ships named have arrived from Barbadoes, New England, &c., and report that there are 20 sail of ships on the stocks at Boston, and a great crop of tobacco at Virginia. The *Elizabeth* of Dover has sailed for Bordeaux. [*Ibid. No.* 75.]

Feb. 3. Same to Hickes. To the same effect as the latter part of the above. [*Ibid. No.* 76.]

Feb. 3. Bristol. James Baskerville to Williamson. Nine sturdy thieves were taken at this St. Paul's Fair, with several goods in their possession, and clapped into Newgate, and their horses, some of which were very good ones, have been seized. There are 12 more of the gang in other parts of the West. Their ordinary calling was to frequent great fairs and markets, and there to steal out of shops, &c., and it is believed that they use the highway trade besides. [*Ibid. No.* 77.]

Feb. 3. Whitehall. Warrant to Sir Thos. Ingram, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, to order Sir John Curzon, Bart., receiver, to pay 17,900*l.* to Sir Thos. Osborne and Sir Thos. Littleton, commissioners appointed for the office of Navy Treasurer, and a transcript of this order is to be enrolled before the Treasury Commissioners. [*Ibid. No.* 78.]

Feb. 3. Entry of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 103.]

[Feb. 3.] Draft of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 255, *No.* 78A.]

Feb. 3. The King to the Duke of York. We wish you to appoint a double sloop to be fitted, manned, and victualled for the use of the Isle of Wight, following the directions of Sir Rob. Holmes, the Governor. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, *f.* 16.]

Feb. 3. The King to Lord Middleton, Governor of Tangiers. Sir Arthur Basset, captain of a foot company in Tangiers, has requested, in consideration of the infirmities caused by his wounds and sufferings in the cause of the late King, a dispensation from his undergoing so long and tedious a journey. We have therefore dispensed with his attendance on his command, and request that all moneys due to him be paid him, notwithstanding his absence. [*Ibid.*]

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The *Dartmouth*, Holehaven.

Roger Baker, purser, to the Navy Commissioners. Since my reporting the abuses of my commander, I have been confined a prisoner, and cannot follow the ship's business; so I cannot provide books in case she is paid off. The captain has not yet rated his men, and God knows when he will. I beg an order for my speedy repair to London to attend you. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 255, *No.* 79.]

Feb. 3.
Navy Office.

Col. Thos. Middleton [Navy Surveyor] to the Navy Commissioners. I have heard what Sir Wm. Warren and Capt. Taylor had to say about the masts in Gottenburg and New England, and I am of opinion that they belong to the King, and ought to be fetched home; although we have now a peace, yet we know not how soon a war may break forth, and an after-game is hazardous. Details of proceedings relating thereto. Sir Wm. Warren demands the first cost, saying it is the Board's work, and not his, to fetch them. [4 *pages. Ibid. No.* 80.]

Feb. 4.
Chatham.

Col. Thos. Middleton to Pepys. I desire that 2 men, employed as lookers-out, may be called in and heard, as they have done the King good service. They say that several masts have gone adrift, and if not looked after, will be lost. I wonder Fryer's business should die away; there was much in it, if examined. [*Ibid. No.* 81.]

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Col. Middleton [to Pepys]. Samples of each species of goods in the stores have been taken, and lodged in the hands of the storekeeper. I have taken account of cordage wanting for fitting ships for sea from all the ports, and have ordered the clerks of the ropeyards to make good what is required. Lighters are only wanted at Deptford, and it would be more inconvenient to build than to hire them. One article in the captains and boatswains' instructions ought to be to wet all new sails in salt water, and well dry them, before laying up.

Particulars of timber in Sherwood, Aliceholt, and Whittlewood Forests. I was prevented from taking a survey of the creek at Chatham which Commissioner Pett calls his, but I have heard wise men say that, so far as the water flows in any of the King's territories, it is called the King's waste, and if so, that creek may be called the King's Creek. I understand there is no place so fit to secure masts, it being capable to receive as many as the King will have occasion to make use of. The marsh adjoining to the creek is worth 5*l.* or 6*l.* a year. As to the house formerly occupied by Mr. Pett, I hear that he was never so profuse as to bestow the value of 5*s.* on anything that was the King's. Mr. Champane promised to give satisfaction for the damage done to the *Monmouth* by the Italian ship, amounting to 13*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.*, but Champane having gone into his own country, the King may account that as lost. [4 *pages. Ibid. No.* 82.]

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Warrant to Lord Admiral the Duke of York to order the sale of the decayed provisions mentioned in a list taken by the Navy Surveyor. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 9.]

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Feb. 4. Licence to Sir James Clavering to enclose 300 acres of his land in Whitehouse, co. Durham, and to have the liberty of a park and free warren therein. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 9.]

Feb. 4. Constitution of Rob. Spencer, and 8 others, as Commissioners for Appeals and regulating the Excise, with allowance of 200*l.* a year each from the Excise. [*Ibid.*]

Feb. 4. Court at Whitehall. Warrant to John Ashburnham to pay to Sir Thos. Osborne and Sir Thos Littleton, for the use of the Navy, 1,500*l.*, part of 3,000*l.* ordered 22 Dec. last to be paid to him by Sir Thos. Ingram, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, from the duchy revenues, for secret service. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 26, *f.* 45.]

Feb. 4. Milford. John Powell to Williamson. Two vessels, laden with wine and salt from Bordeaux, put in here by contrary winds, one bound for Leith, the other for Bristol. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 255, *No.* 83.]

Feb. 4. Same to Hickes. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 84.]

Feb. 4. Deal. Rich. Watts to Williamson. The goods of the Guinea ship have been brought on shore in good condition, and the salvers well paid. As for the Dutch wreck, the merchants will receive little more than their charges; I have been taking the depositions for the last 16 days. The general blame is laid on the soldiers of Deal Castle. [*Ibid. No.* 85.]

Feb. 5. 5 p.m. Lord Keeper Bridgeman to Williamson. Pray get the warrant despatched to enable the Chancellor of the Duchy [of Lancaster] to pay some money to the Treasurer of the Navy, or let me know the cause of the obstruction, as I have to find great part of the money on his security. [*Ibid. No.* 86.]

Feb. 5. Whitehall. Order in Council that, as in the late retrenchments 2 privy seals were not entered—viz., 873*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.* a year from the Treasury Chamber to the King's gentlemen ushers and waiters, &c., for riding charges and attendance in preparing his houses; and 587*l.* 4*s.* 2*d.* for the Queen's ushers and waiters for like service—Lord Arlington prepare a warrant for their payment. Also that the musicians for the King's chapel, viz, 24 violins and 2 composers named, and M. Le Grange for a bass, be paid for their service as formerly, any order for retrenchment notwithstanding. [3 *pages. Ibid. No.* 87. *See p.* 204 *infra.*]

Feb. 5. Plymouth. Sir Bernard Gascon [or de Gascoigne] to [Williamson]. The misfortune to the *Portland* is like to keep me for some days in this wilderness town, almost out of the world, where the Presbyterian is in his most puritanical seat, and there is "neither company neither woman fit for a gentleman to pass his time." Pray forward my letter enclosed to Lord Ossory, and if you have any news of the Prince of Tuscany or Abate Brunetti, favour me with it. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 88.]

Feb. 5. Yarmouth. Rich. Bower to Rob. Francis. Why are not the *Gazettes* and letters sent? I have not received any *Gazettes* for 2 months. I have written several letters, but received no answer. [*Ibid. No.* 89.]

Feb. 5. Yarmouth. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Two ships have arrived, one from Gallipoli [Italy ?] with oil, and the other from Bordeaux with wines.

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Several vessels were forced from their anchors by the storms, and I am ignorant what has become of them. Four vessels have sailed for the North Seas to catch cod; 17 vessels are riding at anchor in the roads, chiefly colliers, bound southward. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 255, *No.* 90.]

Feb. 5. Deal. Rich. Watts to Francis. Pray solicit Williamson to speak to Sir John Wolstenholme in my behalf, and I shall then be sent for. I sent my articles of complaint to my friends at Lambeth, for them to show to some of the farmers [of Customs] in private. Capt. Wilson was interred to-day at Sandwich; he was deputy-governor of Dover Castle, under Kelsey, in Oliver's time. [*Ibid. No.* 91.]

Feb. 5. Deal. Rich. Watts to Williamson. I hear from Mr. Snow that Sir John Wolstenholme is most against me; if Lord Arlington and you would speak to him, all my business as to the Custom House will be effected. [*Ibid. No.* 92.]

Feb. 5. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. Only one vessel has arrived from Bordeaux. I send letters received from Mr. Holding. I understand the mail was opened at Salisbury. [*Ibid. No.* 93.]

Feb. 5. Minehead. John Maurice to Williamson. Several vessels arrived from Ireland report the great distress that the *Thomas* and *John Francis* underwent, in their voyage from Minehead to Ireland. They were slenderly victualled, were forced to sea as far as the Bay of Biscay by a violent north-east wind, and were very near starving, when a Dutchman sailed by, and spared them a hogshead of wine, another of water, and a stone of bread. A Frenchman, passing by a little before, refused to give them any relief. After 16 days, they got into port, the passengers and seamen being much prejudiced in health for want of necessaries. Our comptroller being dead, I would give 100*l.* if I could have the place by immediate warrant. [*Ibid. No.* 94.]

Feb. 5. Whitehall. Reference to the Treasury Commissioners of the petition of Sir Fras. Doddington, for the place of Comptroller [of Customs] at Minehead, void by death of Hen. Pinkney. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 7.]

Feb. 5. Warrant for a dispensation to Thos. Willis, *alias* Willes, M.A., to be absent from Dinton, co. Bucks, where he is minister, during the time that he officiates at Kingston-upon-Thames, whereunto he is presented. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 19, *p.* 93.]

Feb. 5. Grant to Sir George Stonehouse of the dignity of a baronet, with remainders to John and James, his second and third sons, with his former precedency, he having levied a fine of his title and dignity of baronet, to extinguish the same. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 10.]

Feb. 5. Grant to him of a discharge in the usual form, ordered to him 30 Dec. last for secret service. [*Ibid.*]

Feb. 5. Warrant to John Ashburnham to pay 3,000*l.* to Sir Thomas Osborne and Sir Thomas Littleton, Commissioners appointed for the Navy Treasurer, for the use of the Navy. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 255, *No.* 95.]

Feb. 5. Entry of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 105.]

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Feb. 5. Warrant to the Bailiffs and Recorder of Ipswich to suspend the punishment of burning in the hand, in case Wm. Fernely should be convicted of the manslaughter of Darcy Blosse. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 105.]

Feb. 5. Grant to Sir Rich. Raynsford of the place of a Justice of the Court of King's Bench. Minute. [*Ibid. f.* 106.]

Feb. 5. Stockwith. Nich. Weymouth to the Navy Commissioners. Has been laden since 24 Jan., but lost the spring [tide] through contrary winds and weather, but hopes to take the next. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 255, *No.* 97.]

Feb. 6. Survey and report of 24 masts, lying at Chatham, sent to his Majesty from Massachusetts, New England; with particulars of their dimensions, quality, and fitness to meet his Majesty's ships. [*Ibid. No.* 98.]

Feb. 6. The *Garland*, Woolwich. Capt. Rich. Rooth to the Navy Commissioners. I received orders from his Royal Highness to come here from the Downs; being informed that you wish me to come up to Deptford, I desire an order accordingly. [*Ibid. No.* 99.]

Feb. 6. The *Roebuck*, Downs. Capt. George Liddell to the Navy Commissioners. I send a receipt of the boatswain of the *Garland* for an anchor, cable, &c. We had a bitter storm on the 3rd, with the wind at South, which caused most of the merchantmen in the Downs to drive; but little damage came thereby, only a Holland merchantman drove foul of an Englishman, and broke his bowsprit, &c. They came to me about the damage, and by advice of two masters and my carpenter, who surveyed, they have agreed as is customary.

I want a supply of provisions, and if you will order more than one month at a time, it will save trouble and charge. Tell the victualler to let me have peas and fish, as the men complain for want of them. [*Ibid. No.* 100.]

Feb. 6. Harwich. John Robinson and 3 others to the Navy Commissioners. Our 4 hoys, with the Stockwith timber, left Hull on 30 Jan., and arrived here yesterday. [*Ibid. No.* 101.]

Feb. 6. Woolwich. W. Hannam to the Navy Commissioners. Arrival of the *Garland* and *Dartmouth*. I desire orders concerning them, 3 or 4 being needed here, and for the smith to deliver him 3 or 4 old anchors. [*Ibid. No.* 102.]

Feb. 6. Hull. Joseph Blaydes to [the Navy Commissioners]. Asks payment of money due to poor men for fitting ships. Is put into great straits, for want of his money. Has been sick three months, and received no salary. Sir Jeremy Smith knows particulars. [*Ibid. No.* 103.]

Feb. 6. John Moorhouse to [the Navy Commissioners]. Has presented an account to the Surveyor, and waits money to go on with the work. [*Ibid. No.* 104.]

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Feb. 6. Memorandum by Rob. Yard that he delivered a black box of papers, directed to Sir John Finch at Leghorn, to Capt. Kerrington of the *Levant Merchant*, bound for that place. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 255, *No.* 105.]

Feb. 6. Note of the same reference as before on the petition of Lord Grandison. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 7.]

Feb. 6. Whitehall. Duke of Ormond to Lord Arlington. I enclose the draft for the King's signature, granting the reversion of the office of clerk of the First Fruits and 20th parts in Ireland to Nich. Jones, he being a deserving person. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 255, *No.* 106.]

Feb. 6. Rye. James Welsh, Mayor of Rye, to Williamson. I send by your order particulars of the bill of charges for which Mr. Fay [or Foy] was imprisoned; it was for money borrowed of the master of an English vessel which brought him over, and partly for his passage money; but I must confess it is much increased by his long continuance in the gaoler's house, who was constrained to put a keeper upon him, as he found him a person well educated, and so was unwilling to commit him to the common gaol, until he saw no hopes of his procuring money to satisfy the debt and charges. I hope the Ambassador will take his miserable condition into consideration, and pay the debt and charges before they are augmented, which if not procured, he will perish in prison. [*Ibid. No.* 107.]

Feb. 6. Oxford. Hilaire Decry to Rob. Francis. I have received fresh obligations from you this week, in addition to those long past, and shall always be grateful. [*French. Ibid. No.* 108.]

Feb. 6. Bristol. James Baskerville to Williamson. A small Scotch vessel coming up the Channel in distress, the master and company quitted her, and took to the boat, leaving a boy on board. It is thought the boat is cast away, and all the men drowned, but the vessel struck on ground, and the boy with the goods are saved. [*Ibid. No.* 109.]

Feb. 6. Henry, Lord Howard of Norfolk to Williamson. Were I not laid up with a gouty leg, I should renew my desires for Lord Winchelsea's letter, which I sent to Lord Arlington, and am much censured by Lady Winchelsea for not returning it. Pray put his lordship in mind of it, since I cannot attend in person. [*Ibid. No.* 110.]

Feb. 6. Newport Street. Sir Phil. Meadowes to Williamson. I have not the treaty concluded between Sweden and Denmark in 1660, as I had not then returned to England, but I know it is the same in substance as the Roschild Treaty concluded in 1658; only Drontheim and Bornholm remained to the Dane by the last, which by the Roschild Treaty were given to the Swede. England gave no guarantee upon either, but only signed as mediator, and never gave any guarantee to any treaty concluded with a third Prince or State, in all the late times. I have all the printed books of French and Dutch Treaties since 1621, but find not a single instrument of warranty; the warranties were made by way of treaty, and so *ex post facto* most of the princes of Germany became guarantors, one to the other, of the Munster Treaty, viz., by separate and distinct treaties, for the purpose of opposing the contravener. [*Ibid. No.* 111.]

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Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Milford* is recalled from going to the Groyne, to attend the young Duke of Tuscany, and is ordered to the Straits, to attend Sir Thos. Allin, in company with the *Pearl*. They both ride at Spithead, waiting a fair wind. The *Portland* is to return to Galicia to attend the Duke, and the *Nonsuch* to Spithead. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 255, *No.* 112.]

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Capt. John Tinker to the Navy Commissioners. The *Milford* and *Pearl* are at Spithead, ready to sail, and the *Portland* and *Nonsuch* will soon be ready to follow. I have received the shovels, and procured a warrant to search suspected houses, but found nothing except in Edw. Bunckley's, where there were some tallow, deals, oars, cordage, pitch, &c., alleged to have been left by the boatswain of the *Pearl*, by reason that it blew fresh, and that the boat having the carpenter's stores was too deep. I have taken them away, and the constable is looking after the man. I examined the boatswain, who confessed to leaving some of the things for the reason stated, but disowned the others. [3 *pages. Damaged.* [*Ibid. No.* 113.] *Encloses,*

> ——— *to Capt. Tinker. If you mind the King's interest, survey the stores without the boatswain and carpenter of the* Pearl, *for they will give a very bad account; I see a ton of cordage and other things delivered into Edw. Bunckley's yard, which if you speedily search you may find, but there is a boat ready to carry it away. The houses of Paine, Hancocke, and others should be searched, as persons cry shame at it; one has 50l. worth of the King's goods, and corresponds with all men that belong to the King's ships. There are 2 men belonging to the* Estewich *that know of many hundred pounds worth of goods that have been carried away, they being the only two trusted to sell the King's goods. Morgan has bought a new suit since he had the bribe, but you must not speak of it, or you will do me a great injury. The search should begin at the quay, and so forth, in every house along Smock Alley.* [2 *pages. Damaged. Ibid. No.* 113I.]

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Portsmouth.

Capt. Ant. Deane to the Navy Commissioners. I have returned your order, with the names of the persons I shall employ as assistants, for your signature, and believe it will prove very advantageous. I hope you will not forget to provide money or plank for repair of the ships, the season being very near by which they must be supplied; if you let it slip, and do not find some person, who must be assured of a market for his plank when cut, you will get none this year, except you cut it yourselves, and it will not be fit, as it will shrink. The *Kitchen* being trimmed and coming about, I desire that the commander may bring the boat built by your command, which lies here. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 114.]

Feb. 8.
Deptford.

John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. I have been to Blackwall and other places, and taken account of such ships as may

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be fitted for the Newfoundland and Iceland fisheries, and send the names and particulars of seven. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 255, *No.* 115.]

Feb. 8. London. Thos. Goose, purser of the *Sweepstakes*, to the Navy Commissioners. I have applied to Sir Wm. Penn about my papers, but he did not understand his order, so I have had no relief. I know nothing in my demand but may be safely sworn to, and beseech that my accounts may be perused, with my captain's letter, who is now no more to me than a stranger. I have no supernumeraries in my book, although I was in the heat of the war, and if the certificates are not allowed, I shall not be able to balance my accounts. I can show that by good husbandry I have saved the King 500*l.*, and shall be no gainer in my employ, which troubles me not, for what comfort is there in getting an estate by fraud? I have attended in London 6 months to pass my accounts, and why am I delayed and frustrated of the justice which is my due? [*Ibid. No.* 116.]

Feb. 8. Dover. Thos. White to Pepys. I carried the letter to the Governor at Dover Castle, and told him I had a warrant from the Navy Commissioners to impress all tradesmen required to repair the *Golden Sun;* he directed his secretary to make out another warrant, and came down and caused all the carpenters in the town to leave their work, and go to repair the ship. I informed Timothy Scott, the master, what orders I had to assist him; he said he had sufficient volunteers, only desired tickets, which I gave him. Sir Wm. Warren's man agreed with Thos. Dawkes to refit her, so I was put to no charge or trouble, and she is now gone into the Downs with 20 able seamen. [*Ibid. No.* 117.]

Feb. 8. Maidstone. John Mason to the Navy Commissioners. You will find by my contract that I was to have my bills signed and paid, upon which I sold good timber very cheap. I have dealt with you 4 years and never failed, and hope my punctual dealing will help my wife, whom I have sent with the bills to wait upon you for the money. I have 150 loads of oak, and 150 loads of elm fit for the service, and am willing to sell a good pennyworth. [*Ibid. No.* 118.]

Feb. 8. Warrant for a grant to Sir Roger Burgoyne, Bart., of the holding of four new fairs at Potton, co. Bedford. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 86*b.*]

Feb. 8. Yarmouth. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Thirty sail have come in from the northward, and 12 are at anchor in the bay, and as many more in the Roads, all light. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 255, *No.* 119.]

Feb. 8. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. The whole discourse for 3 or 4 days has been of the great preparations of the French King, by sea and land; that his design seems to be against Flanders, and that his said Majesty is also fitting out a great fleet, and intends suddenly to raise several horse and foot; and that the Dutch are very strongly preparing both for sea and land, so all conclude that the French are like to be troublesome neighbours. [*Ibid. No.* 120.]

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Feb. 8. Thos. Agar to Williamson. I do not understand upon what design you desire the judge's patent; this is already past the seal; if any other is intended, remember that though the judge's patents are very short, yet there is a variance from one court with another. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 255, *No.* 121.] *Prefixing,*

> *Grant to Sir Rich. Raynsford, Baron of the Exchequer, of the office of Justice of King's Bench.*—6 *Feb.* 1669. [*Latin. Ibid. No.* 121I.]

Feb. 8. Sir Philip Frowde to Williamson. I send a letter enclosed in one for myself. Did you receive one previously sent from a friend, who is asking through my son for an answer? [*Ibid. No.* 122.]

Feb. 9. Petition of Walter Moore, High Sheriff of Rutland, to the King, for leave of absence, having been afflicted for many months with sickness, which has nearly deprived him of his eyesight. His estate in Rutland is not above 60*l.* a year, and having no house there becoming his condition, he is residing in Surrey. [*Ibid. No.* 123.]

Feb. 9. Licence for W. Moore, High Sheriff of Rutlandshire, to live out of his county. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, *f.* 16.]

Feb. 9. Pass for 25 horses to France, custom free, for Ralph Montague, Ambassador to France. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 107*b.*]

Feb. 9. Jo. Field to Rob. Francis. Let me know if you have done me the favour I asked yesterday. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 255, *No.* 124.]

Feb. 9. Navy Office. Sam. Pepys to the Navy Commissioners. Being apprehensive of dissatisfaction from the Commissioners of Accounts, for want of satisfactory answers to their demands, I advise a time to be appointed for taking a view of the posture in which you stand therein. I have prepared an abstract of what has been demanded and answered, and what not. With note that the Navy Commissioners appointed to-morrow for reading the account. [*Ibid. No.* 125.]

Feb. 9. Portsmouth. Capt. John Tinker to Pepys. Bunckley was taken yesterday and clapped into prison. What is to be done with him, and also with the *Nonsuch*, which is ready to sail to Spithead? [*Ibid. No.* 126.]

Feb. 9. Roger Baker to Pepys. I am ready to justify on oath the business impeached against my commander; let me know the day I am to wait upon their Honours, that nothing may be wanting; I have good and sufficient witnesses. My pay books will be delivered to-morrow, notwithstanding the seamen are not rated, but I durst not go near the commander, for fear of being murdered. [*Ibid. No.* 127.]

Feb. 10. Chatham. John Moore and Edw. Moorcock to the Navy Commissioners. We desire orders as to proceeding with the wrecks, and the use of the 2 galliots sent to Humber for timber, and of the *Harwich* hoy. Money should be ordered to pay winter arrears, begin the summer work, and enter able men, who will not be procured unless we have money in hand. We have taken up 15 pieces of ordnance in the river, some of which are 24-pounders. [*Ibid. No.* 128.]

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Feb. 10. Order for a warrant, in form given, authorizing the Treasury Commissioners to accept from Dr. John Wilkins, elected Bishop of Chester, on his petition, a composition of the first fruits of his bishopric; 378*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.* to be paid in 4 years; and also of the first fruits of Wigan rectory, 72*l.* 12*s.*, in 4 years; also to remit to the said Bishop the sums still unpaid from 36*l.* 5*s.* 1*d.*, first fruits of the rectory of Polebrook, co. Northampton, compounded for 19 April 1667; from 7*l.* 10*s.*, first fruits of the prebend of Chamberlain Wood, St. Paul's, London, compounded for the same day; from 90*l.* 14*s.*, first fruits of the precentorship of Exeter Cathedral, compounded for 2 May 1668; and from 3*l.* 12*s.*, first fruits of a prebend in Exeter, compounded for the same day, which 4 promotions he now relinquishes; the sums unpaid being respectively 6*l.* 11*s.* 3*d.*, 1*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*, 67*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.*, and 2*l.* 14*s.*, the obligations for payment of which are to be returned to him. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 19, *p.* 94.]

[Feb. 10.] Drafts of portions of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 255, *Nos.* 129, 130.]

Draft of the above, dated Jan. 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 130A.]

Feb. Docquet of the above, dated 19 Feb. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 14.]

Feb. 10. Court at Whitehall. Warrant for a patent to Sir Phil. Howard and Francis Watson, of their invention of a new mode of graving, garnishing, and colouring ships, which preserves the planks, and is useful also about cables and rigging; also of their invention of a more durable and cheaper mode of gilding wood, iron, stone, plaster, &c. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 87.]

[Feb. 10.] Memorandum that the King's printer's accounts from Oct. 1662 to May 1668 were brought in, and amount to 98*l.* 3*s.* 8*d.* [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 106.]

Feb. 10. Warrant to the Treasury Commissioners to pay to Sir Rich. Raynsford, appointed Justice of the Court of King's Bench, 250*l.*, which would have been due to Sir Wadham Wyndham had he lived to the end of the quarter; this to be in addition to 250*l.* due to him as late Baron of the Exchequer. [*Ibid.*]

Feb. 10. Privy seal for 2,800*l.* to Isaac le Gouse, for a jewel for the Queen Consort. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

Feb. 10. Privy seal for 250*l.* to [Peter] Du Moulin, as the King's free gift, assigned on the customs, and for 215*l.* to Edw. Backwell, for the like sum paid by him as a present from the King to Sieur Verjus, Envoyé from the Prince and Princess of Portugal. [*Ibid. f.* 107.]

Feb. 10. Order for a warrant for erecting an office to be called the Master Paviour-General of the Works, with a grant thereof to Wm. Heart; fee, 10*l.* a year. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

Feb. 10. The King to the Duke of York. We wish you to order a fourth-rate frigate for transportation of Henry, Lord Howard of Norfolk, who is to be sent Ambassador Extraordinary to the Emperor of Morocco. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, *f.* 16.]

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Feb. 10. Claude Dumoulin to the King. Thanks for your reference to your Secretary of State, who says he has written to the customs at Dover for my merchandize, worth 150 pistoles, which has been confiscated. I am in the last extremity, and beg your consideration. [*French. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 255, *No.* 130B.]

Feb. 10. John Pocock to Hickes. The *John*, with linen from Morlaix, was cast on shore on Portland beach, but her men and loading were preserved. She came out of Morlaix with 6 other English vessels, and fears lest they have run the same fate, by the violence of the storms, and the fog at sea; 3 Dutch ships are riding in the roads outward bound. [*Ibid. No.* 131.]

Feb. 10. Milford. John Powell to Hickes. Only a few colliers remain in the harbour. Endorsed with a note by Hickes that the great floods in South Wales have obstructed the passage of letters. [*Ibid. No.* 132.]

Feb. 11. Herbert, Bishop of Hereford, to Lord Arlington. I recommend Thos. Spratt, chaplain to the Duke of Buckingham, for the prebendary's place, vacant by the death of Dr. Bolton, his Majesty having formerly promised him the next vacancy. [*Ibid. No.* 133.]

Feb. 11. Grant to Thos. Spratt of a prebend in Westminster, in the room of Dr. [Sam.] Bolton, deceased. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 19, *p.* 97.]

Feb. Docquet of the above, dated 17 Feb. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 12.]

Feb. 11. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. A ship for Jamaica, one for Virginia, and several for the Straits, still remain in the Downs. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 255, *No.* 134.]

Feb. 11. ——— Joli to [Williamson]. When I received your note, the Ambassador had sought in the papers the copy of his letters, but as they have not been found, all that we can do is to get them from Paris. If you wish this, tell my lord, and it will be done. I send you a letter lately come from the Queen [Consort]; the Ambassador is much disposed thereto; also a copy of the last letters on the Portugal affair, sent from Rome. [*French. Ibid. No.* 135.]

Feb. 11. Earl of Aylesbury to Williamson. I want a pass for 4 horses, and for some hounds and greyhounds, having been desired by the Count de Lude in France—who is a person of great eminency, and not unknown to his Majesty—to send him over 2 horses, and there being some other friends to whom I would send some. Endorsed by Williamson, "A pass for 4 geldings, 10 couple of hounds, 6 brace of greyhounds, and some spaniels." [*Ibid. No.* 136. *See p.* 208 *infra.*]

Feb. 11. Treasury Chambers. Lord Ashley, Sir Thos. Clifford, and Sir Wm. Ashley to the King. You having referred to us the accounts of the Earl of Sandwich, as Extraordinary Ambassador to the King of Spain, in reference to retrenchments, we report that the Exchequer Commissioners will not hear of any allowance of, or proceedings on, the accounts, by reason of there being no privy seal settling the allowances; so that there is a necessity for one, before any further proceedings can be taken.

The usual method has been to give power, by privy seal to the Lord Treasurer for the time being, to pay such extraordinaries as a

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Secretary of State should sign and allow; which not being done in this case, it will require your Majesty's express commands how far they shall be allowed. We do not remember that any money has been allowed to any Ambassador for interest, though we cannot deny but that Lord Sandwich's money has been upon remote assignments. If interest should be allowed, it ought to be computed by quarterly payments, as your Majesty is used to pay Ambassadors when you have ready money. The Earl of Sandwich, on reference to his steward's books, finds that he has omitted to charge himself with 3,800 pieces of eight, received by Capt. Willoughby Hannam,—which, if computed at 4*s.* 6*d.* per piece of eight, amounts to 855*l.*,—and that he has not received any other money than what is on record in the Exchequer. As regards allowances for extraordinaries, equipage, or weekly expenses, we conceive the Committee of Foreign Affairs are the most cognizant of such things, and as these have been already referred to them, we shall not presume to deal therewith. [2½ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 255, *No.* 137.] *Enclosing,*

Order for a privy seal as follows:—Whereas on 19 *Jan.* 1666, *we directed payment of* 6,000*l. to the Earl of Sandwich, sent Ambassador to Spain, towards which Capt. Willoughby Hannam paid him at the Groyne* 3,800 *pieces of eight, equal to* 855*l.; and whereas on* 29 *Nov.* 1666, *we ordered him* 6,000*l. more without account, and on* 20 *Feb.* 1668 *we ordered payment to Edward, Lord Hinchinbroke, of* 5,000*l. for the Earl of Sandwich's entertainment, and extra expenses. Whereas also Sir Gilbert Talbot, master of the Jewel House, delivered him* 1,511¼ *oz. of gilt plate, and* 3,718 *oz. of white plate, most of which, being bruised and spoiled, was converted by him into money, and was worth* 19,253*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.*

And whereas the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to whom the case was referred, allowed the Earl 100*l. a week, for* 143 *weeks, from* 16 *Jan.* 1666 *to* 11 *Oct.* 1668, *when he returned, being* 14,300*l., and for extraordinaries* 7,267*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.; total,* 25,567*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.; from which, deducting the* 19,253*l.* 7*s.* 4*d. abovesaid, there remains due* 6,313*l.* 13*s.* 11*d., we hereby order payment of the said sum. And as he has charged in his accounts the moneys paid him by Capt. Hannam and Lord Hinchinbroke, he is to be fully discharged from them, and also from the aforesaid plate, and his security for return of the plate is to be given up.* [5½ *pages. Draft. Ibid. No.* 137I.]

Another draft of the above. [3¼ *pages. Ibid. No.* 137II.]

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Portsmouth.

Ben. Johnson and 4 others to Commissioner Middleton. We send, as ordered, an appraisement of old stores named, amounting to 270*l.* 12*s.* 11½*d.* We judge them fit to be the first prizes to be put up at the candle, to advance the sale upon. [*Ibid. No.* 138.]

Feb. 11.
Portsmouth.

St. J. Steventon to Pepys. I gave the Treasurer's instrument here an extra book for January for the sawyers' and ropemakers' work; I paid the former, amounting to 931*l.* 17*s.*, and want to know if the monthly payments must be continued, that the books may be prepared. [*Ibid. No.* 139.]

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Feb. 12. Ayliffe Jones, solicitor, to the Navy Commissioners. I have desisted from prosecuting Mathew Page and others, bound for Thos. Griffen, purser of the *Castle* frigate, he having satisfied the debt owing on the victualling account; but you do not direct whether the King or the defendant shall pay the charges at law, and whether Page shall have his bond. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 255, *No.* 140.]

Feb. 12. Treasury Chamber. Sir George Downing to the Navy Commissioners. I send an order of Council and other papers relating to demands made by Mr. Warren; pray examine and report on the matter. [*Ibid. No.* 141.]

Feb. 12. The *Emsworth*, Holehaven. Capt. Walter Perry to the Navy Commissioners. I want a supply of provisions and further orders; we have 7 sail of ships from France here. [*Ibid. No.* 142.]

Feb. 12. Presentation of David Lawrence to the vicarage of Maker, co. Devon, void by resignation of Rob. Warren. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 11.]

Feb. 12. The King to the Bishop of Durham. We request you to renew for lives to Walter Ettrick of Sunderland, the leases at Ryvehop and Easington, in the bishopric of Durham, which he holds, he having suffered much for his loyalty. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 88.]

Feb. 12. Whitehall. Warrant for naturalizing the *Saint Nicholas* of London, taken by a Scotch privateer, and condemned as prize in the Admiralty Court, the proprietors paying 12*d.* in the pound on the value. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 107.]

Feb. 12. Exeter House. Proceedings in the Council for Trade, on report of the Committee appointed to decide on abuses committed in making Colchester baize, ordering the Governors of the Corporation of Colchester to send for their measurer, bailiff, printer, and sealer to attend the Committee, and requesting that Col. Birch and Mr Page, two of their members appointed to go to Colchester to make inquiries, may have power to enter weavers' houses, examine looms, &c., and be present at the searching and sealing of baize. Signed, "P. du Moulin." [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 255, *No.* 143.]

Feb. 12. Whitehall. Reference to the Treasury Commissioners of the petition of John Chase, his Majesty's apothecary, to find a way for payment of his arrears of 7,000*l.*, and provide for his future payment, the King being wishful to relieve his extremity. With a repetition of the recommendation thereof, the King being displeased that it has not been attended to. [*Ibid. No.* 144.]

Feb. 12. Entry of the former part of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 8.]

Feb. 12. Information of Wm. Barker, of Elaston, co. Stafford. I was servant to the late Sir Rich. Fleetwood, Bart., who, to discharge his late father's debts, was necessitated to pass over all his estate into

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the hands of Thos. Ayre and Thos. Fleetwood, his son, in trust for raising of money for payment thereof; but they not only slighted payment, but ousted Sir Richard out of all his estate, except the barony of Newton, co. Lancaster, then lapsed to the Crown, and truly forfeited to Charles I., who,—being given to understand that the said barony was first given from the Crown to the predecessors of Sir Rich. Fleetwood, by mediation of the Queen Mother,—again confirmed it to Sir Rich. Fleetwood, and he shortly afterwards sold it to Sir Walter Hastings, but repurchased it. The estate in tail being thereby destroyed, Sir Richard by will gave the barony to Rich. Fleetwood, his second son, and his heirs male, and for want of such, then to revert to the Crown. This Rich. Fleetwood died childless, and therefore the barony reverts to his Majesty. Nevertheless Thos. Fleetwood, now Sir Thomas, being the eldest son and heir of Sir Richard, by indirect means, in the time of the Rebellion, obtained the will, and other writings concerning the said barony, from the Rolls, and sold it, having no lawful title, unless obtained from his Majesty. With reference thereon to the Attorney and Solicitor General.—12 Feb. 1669. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 255, *No.* 145.]

Feb. 12. Minute of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 9.]

Feb. 12. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. Has no news to communicate. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 255, *No.* 146.]

Feb. 12. Yarmouth. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Several vessels have sailed to the North Seas, to catch cod fish, &c.; other light vessels have passed through the roads to the northwards, and 2 or 3 have come in from Barbadoes, Lisbon, &c. [*Ibid. No.* 147.]

Feb. 12. Friday. Sir J. Trevor to Williamson. Pray lend me Cromwell's declaration for the war with Spain, which I will return to-night. If you have the draft of my new privy seal, despatch the warrant to be signed after the Council to-day. I am not well and cannot go abroad. [*Ibid. No.* 148.]

Feb. 13. Sir Wm. Neale to Williamson. Thanks for the great and generous act of friendship you have done me, of which I have heard from Col. [Guy] Molesworth. Pray advise me as to coming to London, and what your judgment is in reference to this affair. [*Ibid. No.* 149.]

Feb. 13. York. Wm. Wilson to Williamson. Am I to come up to prosecute the man who was apprehended in Southwark, on my information, for coining? I suppose his stamps were taken, as I left word where they were to be found, and I am informed that they were delivered to Lord Arlington. Phillipps and Darcy, two of the greatest highwaymen in England, have been taken, and are in York Castle, and I can give information about them. [*Ibid. No.* 150.]

Feb. 13. Lyme. Ant. Thorold to Hickes. The *Merchants' Adventure* has arrived from Morlaix, with the report that the drums were beaten about the town, for volunteers to go on the fleet fitting out at Brest, to be commanded by M. du Cane, and the fireships are to join M. de Beaufort. [*Ibid. No.* 151.]

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Saturday.
Sir Rob. Vyner to Sir Walter Slingsby. I spoke with my Lord Mayor, and earnestly recommended it to him as from Lord Arlington, yet he seemed very averse to the thing, and says the city is much against it, fearing it will debauch their servants. Endorsed "Loyal Officers' Lottery." [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 255, *No.* 152.]

Feb. 13. Affidavit by George Broad, of Radcliffe, that Wm. Wood and 3 others named are the owners of the *William and Elizabeth* of London, which was taken and adjudged as prize during the war, under the name of the *Young Prince;* that deponent was master thereof, and that no alien or foreigner has any right or property in the said ship. Sworn before Sir John Frederick, by whom it is attested. [*Ibid. No.* 153.]

Feb. 13. Account by Thos. Middleton, Navy Surveyor, of provisions wanting at Deptford, Woolwich, Chatham, and Portsmouth, to furnish the fleet for one year; total value, 85,786*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.* [7 *pages. Ibid. No.* 154.]

Feb. 13.
Woolwich.
Edw. Byland to Pepys. I send a demand of provisions required for fitting frigates. Operations on ships named. Col. Middleton bargained with a man for some good reed, and I have sent for him, but cannot persuade him to treat for it. [*Ibid. No.* 155.]

Feb. 14. M. Wren to the Navy Commissioners. His Royal Highness desires your attendance at Whitehall on Wednesday, when the proposition of regulating the pursers' employment and their manner of accounting will be debated, and you are to bring in your proposals. With note that it was put off till Friday, as the Surveyor buries his wife on Wednesday. [*Ibid. No.* 156.]

Feb. 14.
Portsmouth.
Capt. John Tinker to Commissioner Middleton. I have given the Board an account of Bunckley's business, and all the goods are now aboard the ship. Sir Jer. Smith came down yesterday from London, to go in the *Nonsuch* to try the experiment. [*Ibid. No.* 157.] *Encloses,*

> *Examination of Thos. Inwood of Porchester, before Ant. Haberly, deputy-mayor, and Hugh Salesbury, J.P., touching goods belonging to the King, found in the house of Edw. Bunckley at the Point in Portsmouth.—Portsmouth,* 10 *Feb.* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 157I.]

> *Like examination of Edw. Bunckley. The goods named were put into his custody by the officers of the* Pearl, *as it was bad weather, and not fit for any boat to carry them aboard; when the storm ceased, they were all taken to the ship. With note that he is bound in* 20*l. and* 2 *sureties in* 10*l. each.—Portsmouth,* 10 *Feb.* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 157II.]

Feb. 14. Fras. Crane to Rob. Francis. Your letters and *Gazettes* are great restoratives in the country, and we are much comforted by Candia's not being in so bad a condition as was feared. I shall send constantly to Norwich for the letters, and beg you will not be weary of the trouble. When does Lord Andover go Ambassador to the Emperor? [*Ibid. No.* 158.]

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Feb. 14. Milford. John Powell to Williamson. A ship from Rochelle, laden with wines, put in here by reason of contrary winds. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 255, *No.* 159.]

Feb. 14. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Portland* and 2 others are riding at Spithead, waiting for a fair wind. Sir Jer. Smith has arrived from London, to judge in the trial of sailing between the *Nonsuch* frigate and the *Milford.* [*Ibid. No.* 160.]

Feb. 14. Thos. Corney to Lord Arlington. As the place [in the Ordnance] you so frankly promised to procure me at Chatham is still undisposed of, and is executed by a menial clerk, I hope you will move his Majesty to establish me in it; if this is not speedily done, I shall be completely ruined. [*Ibid. No.* 161.]

Feb. 14. Plymouth. E. Andros to Williamson. The wind continuing westerly keeps the frigates from going to the Groyne to fetch the young Duke of Tuscany. A vessel from Brest reports that all the hay, oats, barley, and straw in those parts have been taken up by order of the French King, and that the fleet is hastening out. [1¼ *pages. Ibid. No.* 162.]

Feb. 15. [Mr.] Johnson to Rob. Francis. The Attorney-General is a stranger to the business, but will receive Lord Arlington's directions. [*Ibid. No.* 163.]

Feb. 15. Deal. Rich. Watts to Williamson. Forty ships are in the Downs, bound for the West Indies, &c. The seamen are much discontented because they cannot have their tickets paid, and many outward bound resolve to stay in the Straits, and serve those nations that will pay them. The Farmers of the Customs are laying down because no abatement is given them for the new impost, and Sir John Wolstenholme and Sir John Shaw will not sit as Commissioners after Lady Day. [*Ibid. No.* 164.]

Feb. 15. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Hickes. The *Judah* from Lisbon, with fruit, reports the arrival there of 60 sail of the Brazil fleet, with sugar and tobacco. The *St. Anthony* has arrived from the Bay of Biscay with timber. There is much abuse in the post office here; the letters come on Thursday instead of Wednesday, and too late to reply by return of post. [*Ibid. No.* 165.]

Feb. 15. Court at Whitehall. Warrant of assistance for Benj. Edwards, in the due execution of his office as Deputy to the Levant Company, in seizures of goods in London imported contrary to their charter, and in levying rates on those brought into the out ports, he having been opposed in his said office, to the great prejudice of the company. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 89.]

Feb. 15. Warrant for a grant to Henry, Earl of Peterborough, and Barbara, Countess of Suffolk, Groom of the Stole to the Queen Consort, of two-thirds of the embezzlements of prize goods from the ship *Sancta Maria,* brought into Plymouth in the late war, not exceeding 5,000*l.*, as the King's free gift, the other third being granted to the discoverers. Also for a warrant to the Exchequer officers to issue writs, &c., for the recovery of the said goods in the King's name, and at the cost of the discoverers, and of the said Earl and Countess. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 26, *f.* 46.]

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Court at Whitehall.
Certificate by Lord Arlington that Sir Thos. Higgons took leave of his Majesty on 12 July, in order to his departure as Envoy-Extraordinary to the Duke of Saxony. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 110.]

Feb. 15.
Tower.
Edw. Sherburne to Pepys. I desire an account of provisions delivered from the Navy Office to the Ordnance Office, being pressed by the Commissioners of Accounts. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 255, *No.* 166.]

Feb. 15.
Harwich.
Capt. Silas Taylor to the Navy Commissioners. I crave leave to plead for myself against your gentle chiding in reference to accounts furnished, which are all according to your orders. Mr. Gregory received from me 547*l.* for board wages, and 25*l.* of the contingent money. I am not idle about my account of stores, but very busy, as Commissioner Taylor is in London. [*Ibid. No.* 167.]

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Harwich.
Wm. Williamson, master of the *Black Dog*, to the Navy Commissioners. I want an order for a supply of victuals; we have gone 28 days on short allowance, of 6 to 4 men's victuals, and have but 4 days' aboard, and neither money nor credit. With note that it was thought unnecessary to answer this, the wind having changed, and he being hourly expected. [*Ibid. No.* 168.]

Feb. 16.
Portsmouth.
Capt. John Tinker to Pepys. I hear that Capt. Cox is made a Commissioner of the Navy, and desire to be removed to his place at Deptford. The *Nonsuch* sailed to Spithead. [*Ibid. No.* 169.]

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Leyden.
Edw. Bernard to Williamson. Thanks for your commendatory letters to the Ambassador, &c. I hope within a month to acknowledge the success of your favours, as an advantageous offer has been made me to go with Sir Hugh Cholmondely to Tangiers, which I readily accepted, because of the advantages it gives me of conversing with a very learned, ingenious, and worthy gentleman; of serving my mother in the purchase of some monuments; and, lastly, of a very great salary. Pray forward my desired voyage to Tangiers. I waited on Isaac Vossius with your recommendation, and am confirmed in the just esteem I had of him as a scholar. No news can be more welcome than to hear of the commission for the translating of the MSS. of [James] Golius to the Bodleian Library. [*Ibid. No.* 170.]

Feb. 16.
Portsmouth.
Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Nonsuch* and 3 others are at Spithead, waiting a fair wind to try the sailing of the new ship; Sir Jer. Smith goes in the *Nonsuch* to judge in the case. Sir Rob. Holmes came here last week with his servants, on his way to the Isle of Wight. [*Ibid. No.* 171.]

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Whitehall.
Warrant to Sir Thos. Ingram, Chancellor, and Sir Thos. Curzon, Receiver of the Duchy of Lancaster, to pay from the duchy revenues 1,500*l.* to Sir Thos. Osborne and Sir Thos. Littleton, for the use of

the Navy, before payment of any other warrants, patents, or annuities whatsoever; notice thereof to be given to the Treasury Commissioners. [1½ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 255, *No.* 172.]

Feb. 16. Entry of the above. [*S.P. Dom*, *Entry Book* 26, *f.* 45.]

Feb. 16. Whitehall. Warrant from Sec. Trevor to Wm. Crips, messenger of the chamber, to bring before him Sir Wm. Ballantine, now in custody of the King's guards, to answer certain charges against him. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 28, *f.* 19.]

Feb. 17. Yarmouth. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Six ships from Yarmouth were driven on shore, some of which broke all to pieces, and their men perished; two that got on shore died from exhaustion on their way to Winterton. The storm was so violent that the ships in the roads drew their anchors after them for 2 miles. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 255, *No.* 173.]

Feb. 17. Certificate by Sir Edw. Walker, Garter, that Mr. Franklyn, one of the Procurators, is one of the most ancient of that profession, and a person of great integrity; and that before his Majesty's restoration, he assisted many loyal indigent persons, especially the clergy. [*Ibid. No.* 174.]

Feb. 17. Careby. Jo. Hatcher to Williamson. Thanks for weekly favours, and for your consideration for my cousin, Thos. Heron, in Ireland. He had a solicitor's place in the Court of Claims, which first carried him over; but since the determination of that court, he has been destitute of employment, so that if you can procure him some place there, now there is a change of officers, you will oblige both me and your old friend, my father, who lives still, and rejoices to hear of your prosperity. [*Ibid. No.* 175.]

Feb. 17. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Hickes. The ships in port will put to sea tomorrow if the wind is fair. [*Ibid. No.* 176.]

Feb. 17. Falmouth. Same to Williamson. To the same purport as the above, and his letter to Hickes of the 15th. [*Ibid. No.* 177.]

Feb. 17. James Hickes to [Williamson]. I was preparing a petition to the King for compensation before the dreadful fire, but that sad occasion prevented it; as my weakness increases, I have ventured to send it, and beg you to speak to his lordship on my behalf. I might have dwelt more largely on the services rendered to his Majesty, as in the beginning of the Great Rebellion in 1642, I settled post stages from Bristol to York, and between Oxford and Cornwall, and in all parts of the West the following year, and spent 1,700*l.* in his Majesty's business abroad. I have ridden more miles, and written more for increasing the revenue of the Post Office, than all the clerks in it; and I have put the Foreign Post Office into the English method, to the advantage of many hundreds, if not thousands, a year. My compensation for such services has yet to be sought, and without your and his lordship's favour to his Majesty, I am like to die without. I am prevented by age from seeking any other employment. [*Ibid. No.* 178.]

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Feb. 17. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. A ship bound to Virginia lost her bowsprit, broke down her foremast through the storm, and is almost a wreck. There are 50 sail in the Downs. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 255, *No.* 179.]

Feb. 17. Deal. Same to the Same. The *Alapœena* of 200 tons was broken to pieces by last night's storm at Margate, and another ship wrecked. [*Ibid. No.* 180.]

Feb. 17. Whitehall. Petition of Hen. Brooke to the King, to direct the Earl of Derby, on the hearing and determining of his cause, to have the assistance of such of the judges as his Majesty shall appoint. Is seized of an estate of inheritance in the county palatine of Chester, of considerable value, which he bought of John, late Earl Rivers, and which was confirmed by his son Thomas, now Earl Rivers, on attaining his full age. The present Earl endeavoured to avoid the Acts of Sale and Confirmation, but the petitioner's title being too clear to be disputed in law, the Earl brought it into the chancery of Chester, where Charles, Earl of Derby, is sole judge, and deputed Thelwell, who was always counsel for Earl Rivers in the cause, to be Vice-Chamberlain of the Court. Though Earl Rivers might long since have brought the cause to trial, and obtained judgment, he delayed it until his son and heir, Lord Colchester, for whose benefit the suit is prosecuted, had married the Earl of Derby's daughter. Although it has been the practice of the Lord Keeper and his predecessors never to determine matters of so great concernment without the assistance of some other of the judges, yet the Earl of Derby has positively ordered this cause to be determined before him and by himself on 23 Feb.

With reference thereon to Lord Keeper Bridgeman, and his report that, if the suggestions in the petition are true, the cause should not be heard in the Exchequer Court at Chester without the assistance of some learned judge, and that therefore his Majesty should signify his pleasure to the Earl of Derby, that the cause be heard when Serjeant [Job] Charlton and Milward come there, and that one of them be required to assist at the hearing.—17 Feb. 166$\frac{8}{9}$. [*Ibid. No.* 181. *See p.* 202 *infra.*]

Feb. 17. Whitehall. Warrant for protection for ten days to John Cassels, *alias* Castles, provided he conduct himself according to the laws, although by a proclamation of 23 Dec. 1667, he was ordered to be apprehended, and proceeded against with other disorderly persons. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 28, *f.* 20.]

Feb. 17. Warrant for Hugh Jones to be gamekeeper within the Hundreds of Penwith and Kerrier, Cornwall. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 109.]

Feb. 17. Pass for 8 horses to France by James Byron, servant to Lord Wotton. Minute. [*Ibid. f.* 110.]

Feb. 17. Reference to the Lord Chief Justice of the petition of Anne Sharpe, for pardon for a small felony. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 9.]

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Deptford.

Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. The 4 ships which I proposed to Squire Pepys— viz., the *William*, *Ann and Christopher*, *Mary and Susan*, and *Olive Branch*—are all very fitting ships, and sail well. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 255, *No.* 182.] *Annexing,*

Propositions made to the owners of the Bantam, *with the answer by Capt. Rich. Haddock, that they pray she may be dismissed serving, having merchant goods aboard, for which bills of lading are signed and sent forth.—London,* 16 *Feb.* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 182I.]

Terms upon which the owners of the Ann and Christopher *agree that their ship shall serve his Majesty ; tendered by Capt. Cole* 16 *Feb.* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 182II.]

Terms upon which Sir H. Cholmley agrees that the Hamburg Merchant *shall be hired.* [*Ibid. No.* 182III.]

John Payne, commander of the Speedwell, *to the Navy Commissioners. Gives reasons why he should be excused from serving his Majesty, and hopes they will consider his necessity, he having already contracted and sealed for a freight.* [*Ibid. No.* 182IV.]

Hugh Mosely to the Navy Commissioners. The owners of the Mary and Susan *are willing that the ship should serve his Majesty upon treaty, and desire that the master may go commander, as it is all he has to maintain himself and family. The owners are not able to set her out, having had many losses, and for my part, I am forced to take up money at interest.* [*Ibid. No.* 182V.]

Proposal of the 7 *conditions upon which Hugh Mosely, commander of the* Mary and Susan, *and her owners, are willing she should be employed in his Majesty's service.*— 18 *Feb.* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 182VI.]

Summary of the replies made relative to the said 6 *ships, with the names of their owners.* [2½ *pages, Ibid. No.* 182VII.]

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John Fenn to Lord [Brouncher ?]. I send particulars of the disposal of 90,000*l.* chimney money, received from Sir Rob. Vyner, and paid for wages to ships and yards ; also to the Bishop of Munster 50,000*l.*, Sir Denis Gauden 60,000*l.*, and Ald. [Edw.] Backwell 50,000*l.* ; total 250,000*l.* [*Ibid. No.* 183.]

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Thos. Lewis to Pepys. All the victuals ordered for Sir Thos. Allin's fleet shall be shipped by the beginning of next week. [*Ibid. No.* 184.]

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Chatham.

John Moore and Edw. Moorcock to the Navy Commissioners. We judge if the hoy can make her voyage to Humber, and return by the end of March, it will be time enough for our business here, knowing how to employ our hands to advantage in taking up more guns and anchors in the river; but if they should be as long in

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this voyage as in the last, it would cast us behind in our summer work. We have taken up 7 more ordnance, which make 31 delivered into the stores. If you had ordered 160*l.*, it would have cleared our charge to this time. We intreat you to hasten what you have ordered, or give directions how we may receive it. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 255, *No.* 185.]

Feb. 18. Memoranda of proceedings at the Committee for Trade and Foreign Affairs, at various sittings held between 7 April 1667 and 18 Feb. 1669, relative to domestic, colonial, and foreign trade. [*Ibid. Nos.* 186–235.]

Feb. 18. Oxford. Hilaire Decry to Rob. Francis. I fear you will find little advantage in my correspondence, and I should not expect much when I can give so little; but I have always found you disinterested. I hope many of my letters may bring me one of yours, or at least the French *Gazettes.* If you write to me, please to acknowledge receipt of that money from your brother and Silas Taylor. If you see my brother at the French church, ask him to write to me. [*French. Ibid. No.* 236.]

Feb. 19. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. I send some letters received by post, &c. Several ships have sailed, and those for Newfoundland will speedily follow. A vessel from Portugal, and another from Bordeaux, have come in. [*Ibid. No.* 237.]

Feb. 19. Wm. Paris, B.D., vicar of Tilney, to Peter Alsop. Having been solicited for a testimonial by your son, I certify that, while acting as my curate, he has demeaned himself "soberly, studiously, virtuously, and painfully; and that his preaching and living have made him to be generally beloved by all the town." [*Ibid. No.* 238.]

Feb. 19. Thos. Adamson to Rob. Francis. I have appointed to meet at Madam Carnabye's to-day, to see a play with Mrs. Moundeford and you, and have told her of it. [*Ibid. No.* 239.]

Feb. 19. Yarmouth. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Three Yarmouth ships have sailed for Lisbon and Rochelle; several colliers have passed through the road, one of which sprang a leak, and sank near the shore, but most of her rigging is saved. [*Ibid. No.* 240.]

Feb. 19. Whitehall. Warrant by [Lord Arlington] to a messenger of the Chamber, to apprehend Steph. Coven, supposed author of "The Militant Christian; or, the Good Soldier of Jesus Christ"; and if he is found to be the author, to bring him and all his books and papers before me, sealed up. With writ of assistance. [*Ibid. No.* 241.]

Feb. 19. Pass for 3 horses to Flanders, for Sir Mark Ognati. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 110.]

Feb. 19. Warrant to the Sheriffs of London, for their taking security of John Ludlow, convicted of felony at the Old Bailey sessions, for transporting himself to some of the foreign plantations, the value of the thing taken being small, and he a young man and never committed before. [*Ibid.*]

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Feb. 19. Warrant appointing Sam. Franklyn to the office of Procurator in all causes and matters maritime, foreign, and ecclesiastic whatsoever, *vice* Alexander Cheeke, deceased. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 112.]

[Feb. 19.] Two drafts of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 255, *Nos.* 242, 243.]

Feb. 19. The King to the Earl of Derby. There will shortly come before you as judge of the Court of Chancery, in the county palatine of Chester, a case of much weight between the Earl Rivers and Hen. Brooke, relating to the title to an estate in the county. The case was ordered for 23 Feb., but having advised with Lord Keeper Bridgman thereon, we wish it to be heard when Serjeant [Job] Charlton or Mr. Milward, our judges of that county, shall be there to assist. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, *f.* 18.]

[Feb. 19.] Draft of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 255, *No.* 244.]

Feb. 19. Portsmouth. Capt. John Tinker to Pepys. Has given Capt. Deane the document sent. The victualling of the *Milford* and *Pearl* is completed, and they stay only for a fair wind. The standing masts of the *Portland* are set. [*Ibid. No.* 245.]

Feb. 20. Certificate by J. Wren that Oliver Hardiman, purser of the *Revenge*, has cleared his victualling account. [*Ibid. No.* 246.]

Feb. 20. Post warrant for Hen. Sheres to go to Portsmouth and return, being for the King's service. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 109.]

Feb. 20. Warrant to Viscount Grandison, Captain of the Yeomen of the Guard, to swear in Wm. Houghton as corporal, according to the new establishment. Also note of the appointments of Rog. Gardiner, Rich. Sadlington, and ——— Ashton as corporals.—21, 22, and 23 Feb. [*Ibid. f.* 112.]

[Feb. 20.] Statement by Ambrose Bennet, of Gray's Inn. After long hearing, the [late] Lord Chancellor committed to me the custody of Jerome Smith, lunatic, to manage his intricate and desperate estate. Numerous particulars of his wild and filthy ways, and the extravagances by which he wasted 5,000*l.*; his idea that he was to be made a peer and marry Sir Thos. Bennet's daughter. The physicians pronounce him much distracted. Many of his writings are lost, and the seals broken off.

I have never struck him, but took him to my house in the country, till he tried 2 or 3 times to fire the house, and no one would stay with him. I then took a house for him, and gave 100*l.* a year for a keeper, with apparel and expenses, and saw that he wanted nothing; but Rog. Wells, the keeper, stole his goods.

I have delivered a true account of his estate to a Master in Chancery. I did not intoxicate him, but forbade him to have strong drink. I have had much trouble with him besides, and 4 years before I took him, he had much trouble to buy bread.

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Jerome Smith had conveyed all his debts to his brother Richard, but I could get no accounts, and before Richard died, by will he gave Jerome the debts back again. His wife was executrix, and I had a long suit in Chancery to recover the writings, and had to pay many legacies before I could get a penny, and the law expenses have been heavy. Jerome asked for the deeds, carried them about in his pockets, and some were lost. Particulars of the debts. The trustees for their payment met about them, but Rich. Smith was then prisoner in the King's Bench. Transactions with the trustees. There were debts from Sir John Pettus, Lady Carleton, Sir John Cotton, and Sir John Pershall; account of trials thereon.

Account of Smith's extravagance since I had the charge of him, in buying jewels and silver tankards, and giving them away to ladies at Whitehall, in Oliver Cromwell's time; riding about the country, keeping 20 or 30 men and horses, and spending 6,000*l.* in 6 months; making strange bargains, buying antique habits and odd relics, &c.

In 1658 he was in the Gatehouse for debt, and I became his bail, but in 1659 he was again in Newgate, whence he escaped almost naked. Then he was taken to King's Bench, and no one gave him a bit of bread, but I procured his liberty and gave him clothes.

In 1661 I got him discharged of all his debts, and delivered him from prison, and found him a lodging in Milford Lane, where he continued till 1664 very mopish, and would not speak to anyone, nor put on his clothes, and lived on a small allowance. He then gave me a power of attorney to pay his debts and prosecute his debtors, and I received some of the debts. In 1665 he became wild, ran about the town, and borrowed horses to go into Cambridgeshire; pretended he was going to be married; pawned his watch, and borrowing a coach, went to the King to make him a peer, inviting many nobility to his wedding, giving abundance of wine, and spending 40*l.* in 4 days. The King sent him away under charge, and I told my Lord Chancellor about it, who thought he ought to be restrained, and gave him into my charge. On inquisition *de lunatico inquirendo,* he was found a lunatic, and committed to me. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 255, *No.* 247.]

Feb. 20. Answer by Ambrose Bennet to the exceptions taken by Jerome Smith to his 3rd, 4th, and 5th accounts of moneys disbursed for his diet, and other personal expenses. [*Ibid. No.* 248.]

Feb. 20. Deal. Rich. Watts to Rob. Francis. I gave both your packets to Rob. Farrenden, apothecary-general at Tangier, who promised to deliver them with his own hand. Three ships have been wrecked at Margate, and one at the North Foreland, and every soul drowned. I never knew such a storm at Deal before, and several ships have received much damage; had it lasted much longer, it would have endangered the whole town. [*Ibid. No.* 249.]

Feb. 20. Weymouth. John Pocock to Hickes. Two ships, laden with wine and brandy, have been cast away on the Isle of Portland; one lost all her lading and 12 men, and the other split in pieces, but part of her lading and 7 of her men were preserved. Another vessel was forced

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on shore, but by cutting her masts by the board, she rode out the storm, and has since been brought into the road. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 255, *No.* 250.]

Feb. 21. Pass for Mr. Stagg and Mr. Williamson to go to France and return. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 110.]

Feb. 21. The King to Sir Edw. Griffin. In the late retrenchment of payments from the Treasury of the Chamber, 2 privy seals issued for the Gentlemen Ushers, daily waiters to the King and Queen, for riding charges and attendance on removals, were omitted from the payments set down; we warrant the payment of them as though set down; also continuation of the former salaries of the 24 violins, master of music, 2 composers, 2 boys, and M. le Grange for a bass, and for the music in the Chapel Royal, any order of retrenchment notwithstanding. [*Ibid. f.* 111.]

Feb. 21. Similar warrant to the Lords of the Treasury. Minute. [*Ibid. f.* 111.]

Feb. 21. Declaration that Sir John Prettyman's arrears, granted to Fras. Rogers on 16 Jan. last, are on trust for payment of moneys due to widow Poyer, the residue to be disposed of as Barbara, Countess of Castlemaine, in her own handwriting, may appoint, and for her benefit. [*Ibid. f.* 120.]

Feb. 21. Milford. John Powell to Hickes. Only a few colliers remain in the harbour. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 256, *No.* 1.]

Feb. 21. Same to Williamson. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 2.]

Feb. 21. Deal. Mary Loder to Williamson. I have received the packet for Leghorn, but as there is no ship bound for that place, tell me whether I shall detain it, or send it you again. [*Ibid. No.* 3.]

Feb. 21. Deal. Rich. Watts to Williamson. A vessel from Jamaica reports that the privateers of those parts took Porto Bello in April last, and held it 30 days, and that the Spaniards ransomed it, at a very large sum; that they possessed themselves of Port au Prince, but got little more than provisions; also that they joined in a fleet of 10 or 12 sail, to set upon some other place. [*Ibid. No.* 4.]

Feb. 21. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Sir Jer. Smith sailed yesterday in the *Nonsuch* frigate, commanded by Sir Laur. Van Hemseratt [Heemskirk]; while she was in sight, she sailed much better than any of the others in company, being the *Portland*, *Roe* ketch, *Milford*, and *Pearl*. The 2 last are appointed to try the wager, and as they have had as fine weather and wind as heart could wish to try their ships, by this time Sir Jer. Smith will be able to judge. I have not had a news-letter for some time. [*Ibid. No.* 5.]

Feb. 21. Portsmouth. Capt. Ant. Deane to Pepys. Particulars of the sailing of the *Nonsuch*. Judges she will do a great part, if not all required, but of that Sir Jer. Smith is the standard of proof. I gave Sec. Wren more particulars, and he will let you know. [*Ibid. No.* 6.]

Feb. 21. Portsmouth. Capt. John Tinker to Pepys. The *Nonsuch* sailed with other ships from Spithead upon trial. Asks leave to come to town on his own business, all the ships being gone. [*Ibid. No.* 7.]

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Feb. 21. Hull. Jos. Blaydes to the Navy Commissioners. Thanks for their letter. Shall be thankful for the money owing, now being the time to buy timber; is sick, and not able to stir about, so has greater need of it. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 256, *No.* 8.]

Feb. 22. Woolwich. W. Hannam to Col. Thos. Middleton. The reason why the ship's masts were not set when I was at Woolwich was chiefly the want of men. Pray move the Board that 20 may be allowed on weekly pay, to get the ships forward, and to clear the river of broken anchors and pieces of cable and wrecks. There are many men borne on the ships that might help the riggers, but they continue to neglect their duty, and will give no assistance. [*Ibid. No.* 9.]

Feb. 22. Col. Thos. Middleton and Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. We have been at Woolwich, and viewed the wreck of the *Royal James*, and the works in hand there and at Deptford, and agree with the master shipwright that the *Royal James* ought to be fitted for a hulk, which may be done for 750*l.*; but it is uncertain what time the repairs will take, by reason of the emptiness of the stores, uncertainty of supplies, and want of dry docks. [*Ibid. No.* 10.]

Feb. 22. Woolwich. Edw. Byland to [the Navy Commissioners]. The spindle of the great crane being broken off, we are much troubled to shut the gates. I desire an order for fitting a new one, and also for a supply of spruce deals and reed, having put a period to all our reed in burning the *Garland*. [*Ibid. No.* 11.]

Feb. 22. London. Capt. Rich. Rooth to Thos. Hayter. Asks that 12 blank tickets may be given to the purser of the *Garland*. [*Ibid. No.* 12.]

Feb. 22. Grant to Col. Ant. Gilby, for 31 years, of the island called the Great Sand, in the river Humber, rent 5*l.* a year, after he has embanked 100 acres at his own charge. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 15.]

Feb. 22. Warrant to Henry, Lord Sandys, to preserve the King's game in Hampshire. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 90.]

Feb. 22. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Hickes. The *Griffen* has put in from Barbadoes, having sprung a leak, and much damaged her goods; she would have perished had not the men continually laboured at the pumps. We hear by the *Meaves* and *Antigua Merchant*—which came out with 15 others, but lost them at sea—that Don Juan is still at Aragon, with a guard of 2,000 men, and does not intend coming in upon the Queen's proclamation. His pretences are very plausible: that seeing that the peace is concluded between Spain and Portugal, he would have some of the taxes taken off; that the Queen convoys money out of the land, and that her confessor is a German. The country is mostly for him, as they are taxed upon their estates and the meat they eat.

They also report that the Algiers men-of-war took 3 English merchantmen coming from Lisbon, and made prize of their goods; but intend paying the freight; they allege that since the peace with England and France, no ships can be found at sea but what belong to one or the other, so that they cannot get any prizes by which to live and maintain themselves; also that Sir Thos. Allin is

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gone with 4 frigates to demand restitution or satisfaction, and to proclaim war if it is refused. The *Leopard*, with the English Ambassador, sailed for Constantinople before they came away. [2 *pages*. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 256, *No.* 13.]

Feb. 22. Lynn. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. A wreck has been driven ashore with several firkins of butter, hemp, barrels of pitch, and 3 dead men; 3 other vessels were also driven on shore, but got off without much damage. The private meetings of the Nonconformists and Sectarians are frequented with more than usual confidence. The place is healthy, and the militia well settled. [*Ibid. No.* 14.]

Feb. 23. Deposition of Clement Harby and Wm. Gale, merchants of London, before Wm. Child, master in Chancery, that it was decreed by Signor Andrea Cornaro, Captain-General of Venice, on 20 June 1664, that a dollar per mille then unduly levied upon the currants of Zante and Cephalonia, should not be exacted for the future, by the Providor, or Governor of Zante, on any of the English nation; and in order that such decree should be inviolably observed, he commanded the Providor to transmit an attestation every 3 months, signed by the English Consul and nation in Zante, that it was not paid; nevertheless, the English merchants residing at Zante have been constrained by the Providor to pay the dollar per mille, and Wm. Wayte, the English Consul at Zante, has violated his duty and trust, to the detriment of the traders and factors, by falsifying the attestations so given as directed, which the deponents are able to make appear. [*Ibid. No.* 15.]

Feb. 23. Ipswich. ——— to John Knight, serjeant surgeon to his Majesty, Durham Yard. I am glad to see you so careful of your own safety and interest, and perceive the times require the use of all prudence and discretion. I shall inquire for you at Newmarket, and hope you will bring the warrant with you.

Rich. Cole, a shipwright of Ipswich, and uncle to Capt. Cole of London, cut his wife's throat and then his own; his is the most dangerous, his wife having guarded hers with her hands, which he has most unmercifully cut and mangled. He has about 50*l*. or 60*l*. per annum in land, besides shipping and money; if he dies, his personal estate, if not all, goes to the town.

My wife has sent Mrs. Knight a couple of capons, and yourself a couple of pullets, to conclude the carnival; and as his Majesty has given no commands to the contrary, we hope you will have no scruple of conscience about eating them, though it be in Lent. [1¾ *pages*. *Ibid. No.* 16.]

Feb. 23 ? Memorandum that a reprieve is to be granted to Edw. Oram, prisoner in Newgate, during his Majesty's pleasure. Also that the Lord Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, and the Recorder of London be instructed that it is his Majesty's pleasure that Mr. Pargiter and others, bound over to the next sessions, or in custody for treason or misprision of treason, in clipping, washing, filing, melting, or otherwise diminishing the current coin of the realm, be continued on sufficient bail, or committed as cause shall require, until the next sessions. [*Ibid. No.* 17.]

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Feb. 23. Barnstaple. Wm. Wakeman to Williamson. A vessel has arrived from Lisbon with oil, sugar, and salt. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 256, *No.* 18.]

Feb. 23. Hull. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. Three vessels have been cast away near the Humber, and several others are reported to be lost; 16 laden vessels have sailed hence for Rotterdam and other places named. [*Ibid. No.* 19.]

Feb. 23. Deal. Rich. Watts to Williamson. Thos. Clark, master of the *Friendship* of London, with 60 tuns of wine from Bordeaux for his Majesty, "came to me to protest against the seas"; "there are no rumours of war there, but great preparations carried on whistly." The whole fleet outward bound have sailed, except Mr. Pensax, who is disabled. [*Ibid. No.* 20.]

Feb. 23. Treasury Chamber, Whitehall. Sir George Downing to Williamson. The Lords of the Treasury desire you to move Lord Arlington to recommend to Monsieur Ognati, in his Majesty's name, that Phil. Cornelissen may take the remainder of the tin sold to him by Benj. Glanville, on behalf of his Majesty, and pay for it, or that it may be freed from Cornelissen's arrest at Ostend, and be otherwise disposed of. [*Copy. Ibid. No.* 21.] *Prefixing,*

> *Case stating that Glanville sold to Cornelissen, in Oct.* 1666, 20,000 *lbs. of his Majesty's tin, at* 59 *guilders per cwt., to be paid in Flemish money. That part of the tin has been delivered, and paid for, upon the agreement, of which Glanville has rendered an account to his Majesty, and has also declared that the rest of the tin was weighed off to Cornelissen's order long since, but has been detained for want of payment of the rest of the money due; and that his Majesty expects that Cornelissen shall, upon demand and offer of the tin, pay the remainder of the money at the price he bought it at, or leave his Majesty to dispose of it in some other manner.* [*Copy. Ibid. No.* 21i.]

Feb. 23. Woolwich. Wm. Acworth to the Navy Commissioners. I send an account of provisions issued from the stores for making fortifications against the approach of the Dutch, and of old junk, ropes, &c., issued for the Tower. If the Ordnance Office is to pay the charge, the ship carpenters and labourers employed ought to be included. [*Ibid. No.* 22.]

Feb. 23. Chatham. John Moore and Edw. Moorcock to the Navy Commissioners. There shall be no ill-husbandry of the money you have ordered. We never insisted on any reward for taking up the ordnance, nor charged anything extra, and those ordnance were taken up when we could do nothing else. We swept the river as far as the Mussel Bank, and have taken up 10 anchors, whereof 8 are delivered into the stores, and the other 2 shall be, if not necessary for our work. If the time spent in taking up ordnance be not thought so advantageous as other employments, we shall desist. Note of how the 160*l.* ordered would be disposed of. [*Ibid. No.* 23.]

Feb. 23. The *Harp*, Kinsale. Capt. Rob. Hooper to the Navy Commissioners. I have been at Kinsale since 4 December. I understand you have given instructions to Mr. Penn for taking charge of the ship, and for the men to

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go to Dublin by land, and I, with the officers, to London; but having no accounts to pass, and being a bad traveller, hopes they will save him and the officers that trouble. The ship is not so bad but that she may go for Dublin, which will save her company a great deal of trouble and charge. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 256, *No.* 24.]

Feb. 23. John Robinson, master of the *James* hoy, to Thos. Hayter. Asks a warrant for 3 months' victuals, having been forced to supply his company for 6 weeks on his own account. [*Ibid. No.* 25.]

Feb. 24. Chatham. Account by John Brooke and 3 others of decayed and unserviceable provisions found in the stores at Chatham, and judged fit for sale, valued at 528*l.* 15*s.* 11*d.* [*Ibid. No.* 26.]

Feb. 24. Woolwich. Similar account by W. Hannam and 5 others of provisions at Woolwich, as appraised. [*Ibid. No.* 27.]

Feb. 24. Whitehall. Petition of Hartgill Baron, clerk of the Privy Seal, to the King, to summon Charles Bickerstaff to a hearing, for interfering with the petitioner's right to his office, which was conferred on him at Brussels in 1658, and has been confirmed since the Restoration. With reference thereon to Council. [*Ibid. No.* 28.]

Feb. Entry of the above reference, dated 26 Feb. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 9.]

Feb. 24. Pass for 4 horses, 10 couple of hounds, 10 brace of greyhounds, and 2 couple of spaniels, for the Earl of Aylesbury. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 112.]

Feb. 24. Warrant to the Great Wardrobe to pay to Thos. Townsend, clerk of the Great Wardrobe, in place of Wm. Rumbold, deceased, 30*l.* 19*s.* 8*d.* for his yearly livery. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 16.]

Feb. 24. Similar warrant to pay to Sam. Green, under-clerk of the Wardrobe, in the room of Thos. Townsend, jun., 15*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* yearly for a livery. [*Ibid.*]

Feb. 24. Contract between the King and Sir Denis Gauden, Sir Wm. Penn, and Benj. Gauden, for victualling the Navy, on terms approved by the Treasury Commissioners and the Navy Commissioners. [*Ibid.*]

Feb. 24. Whitehall. Reference to the Ordnance Commissioners of the petition of Thos. Warren, that they may take his bond for 25 tons of saltpetre, at the price at which it has been given to others. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 10.]

Feb. 24. Coventry. R[alph] H[ope] to Williamson. Five carriers had their packs cut on Saturday last, between St. Albans and London, and lost to a considerable value, one of their horses being taken away and not yet heard of. [Wm.] Dudley, [Humble] Ashenhurst, and some others of that gang have been seen near, but none dare seize them; they are so vigilant and well armed that they have openly ridden through several towns. The late pretended robbery of Lascelles and his wife, of a quantity of gold near Coleshill, is like to prove a mere cheat; Lascelles is the person that robbed a goldsmith in Yorkshire of the gold of which he himself was robbed.

Great preparations are making at Stoneleigh for solemnising the funeral of the Duchess of Dudley, aunt to Lord Leigh of Stoneleigh

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a monument having been erected by her for herself some years since. She has been a great benefactor to that place, and has not forgotten them at her death. Preparations are also being made for reception of the Countess of Southampton at New House, a most pleasant seat a mile hence, which she has bought for 2,200*l.*, and given the present tenant 100*l.* to leave it. The Nonconformists, headed by Eccleshall, have had meetings at Leather Hall, where Eccleshall preached. The magistrates prevented their having the place last Sunday, but they keep frequent public conventicles. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 256, *No.* 29.]

Feb. 24. Plymouth. John Clarke to James Hickes. The *Portland, Milford,* and *Pearl* frigates have sailed to fetch the Prince of Tuscany, and the *Nonsuch* with Sir Jer. Smith has come in. He reports that she works and sails well. Several Newfoundland ships have put to sea, but none have arrived from foreign parts. [*Ibid. No.* 30.]

Feb. 24. Yarmouth. Rich. Bower to Williamson. A vessel from Rotterdam reports that several ships have been lost on the coast of Holland by the storm. Six others have come in from Rochelle and Bordeaux. A hoy has been put ashore 2 miles off, but the men and goods saved. Several colliers have passed to and from the northward, and a dogger has come in from the North Seas, with live cod and some barrel cod. [*Ibid. No.* 31.]

Feb. 24. Bristol. James Baskerville to Williamson. I have been very ill, but am better. Several ships have sailed, but none arrived. [*Ibid. No.* 32.]

Feb. 25. Whitby. Thos. Waade to Williamson. A breach with France is noised about here, and if it should fall out, I beg you to renew our correspondence. We have had a great fall of snow, and the ways are very impassable. The *Dragon* of London has been cast away near the harbour, and all but 2 men perished. [*Ibid. No.* 33.]

Feb. 25. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. We are expecting the return of Sir Jer. Smith in the *Nonsuch,* to inform us about the trial of that frigate sailing with the others appointed for the same service. [*Ibid. No.* 34.]

Feb. 25. Morgan Lodge to [Williamson]. I send up the packet and a receipt for another put on board the *Mary,* bound for Lisbon. [*Ibid. No.* 35.] *Annexing,*

> *Receipt by Edmond Ayres* (?) *from Morgan Lodge of a packet directed to Fras. Parry, remaining for the King's affairs in the Court of Portugal, which he promises to deliver on arrival. Feb., Deal.* [*Ibid. No.* 35I.]

Feb. 25. Oxford. Hilaire Decry to Rob. Francis. Thanks for your remembrance. I hope to be worthy of it. Keep a little corner in your heart for me. Your cousin salutes you, and wants 17 yards of prunella buying for a gown; also the *Gazettes* as usual. [*French. Ibid. No.* 36.]

Feb. 25. Lyme Regis. Giles Ivy to Williamson. While out shooting game, my gun, though on the cock, took fire, which was the death of 2 children on a hill behind me. The coroner's inquest and the parents of the children acquitted me of guilty intent, but yet I am bound over to answer it at the Dorchester assizes. Knowing that the judges, before

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they go their circuit, usually take leave of his Majesty, I beg you will then acquaint them of my innocency, and the unhappiness of the accident, and request them to show what favour they may. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 256, *No.* 37.]

Feb. 25. Deposition of Bernard Nicholas, mariner of London, sworn before Sir Thos. Bludworth, that Jacob Lucie, merchant of London, and other subjects of his Majesty, are owners of the *Mary and Jane* of London, which was taken and adjudged prize, under the name of *Abraham's Offering*, alias *Abraham's Sacrifice.* [*Ibid. No.* 38.]

Feb. 25. Warrant for a grant of denization for Jacob Poüwells, an alien. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 90.]

Feb. 25. Whitehall. Commissioners of Prizes to the Navy Commissioners. On petition of Dan. Arthur, in behalf of those interested in the *Jolly* of Nantes—seized as a prize in June 1667, and brought into Plymouth, but since restored with her lading by the Commissioners of Appeal—we request you to pay them 120*l.* 6*s.*, at which she was sold to John Lanyon, your agent at Plymouth. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 256, *No.* 39.] *Annexing,*

> *Inventory and appraisement by John Dell and* 4 *others, of* 19 *ballots of cloth taken out of the* Jolly *of Nantes, and delivered to Lanyon, by order of the Commissioners of Prizes, amounting to* 120*l.* 6*s.—Plymouth,* 10 *July* 1667. [*Ibid. No.* 39I.]

> *John Lanyon to the Navy Commissioners. I demanded the* 20 *ballots of canvas from the Commissioners of Prizes, and went aboard the* Jolly *of Nantes, where I found* 18 *bolts of noyals canvas, &c., which I entered in the Custom House, and have since received.—Plymouth,* 19 *July* 1667. [*Ibid. No.* 39II.]

Feb. 25. Whitehall. M. Wren to Pepys. To-morrow being sermon day, his Royal Highness intends to meet sooner than ordinary, and desires you to come at 8½ a.m. and to impart this to the Board. [*Ibid. No.* 40.]

Feb. 25. Deptford. Jno. Cox and 4 others to [Pepys]. We have appraised the decayed and unserviceable provisions mentioned, in the stores at Deptford, and their value is 138*l.* 15*s.* 9*d.* [1½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 41.]

Feb. 25. Portsmouth. Capt. Ant. Deane to the Navy Commissioners. I want spruce deals to complete the works on the *Advice* and *Fairfax.* I find no one willing to deal for any quantity of plank, which I must have, and no money is yet ordered to Master Reidge, notwithstanding your promise that it should be had, so as to encourage others. If it be delayed, none will buy timber to convert for plank, with the promise of payment; so that in one month, you will be in the same straits with ready money as you are now without it. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 42.] *Annexing,*

> *Appraisement by Ant. Deane and* 2 *others of the anchors arrived in the* Edgar, *total* 194*l.* 11*s.* 3*d.*—23 *Feb. With note of the Board's approval thereof, but their agreement for them is suspended till they know how to pay for them.—* 2 *March* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 42I.]

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Feb. 25. The *Lenox*, Holehaven. Capt. John Holmes to the Navy Commissioners. Wants provisions, the time for his victualling being out. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 256, *No.* 43.]

Feb. 26. Wm. Williamson and John Huntington, masters of the *Black Dog* and *Adam and Eve* hoys, to the Navy Commissioners. Want provisions. The *Black Dog* has delivered her lading of timber at Deptford, and is going with the *Adam and Eve* to Stockwith for more. [*Ibid. No.* 44.]

Feb. 26. African House, London. Thos. Holder and 2 other Commissioners of [Lord Admiral] the Duke of York to the Navy Commissioners. Having directed Paul Tatenell, his Royal Highness's surveyor for prizes, to sell the pieces of cable belonging to him in the yard at Deptford, we desire your order to your officers there to deliver them to whom he may appoint. [*Ibid. No.* 45.]

Feb. 26. James Carkass to the Navy Commissioners. I received the wages of Nath. Walker of the *Royal Charles*, for service done from Aug. 1665 to Oct. 1666, amounting to 18*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.*, which sum had been split into two tickets of 6*l.* 5*s.* 7*d.* and 11*l.* 8*s.* 11*d.* (*sic*). I paid the money to Elizabeth Bowen at Chatham; the petitioner has done me great wrong in her accusations before the Committee of Council, before you, and before the Commissioners of Accounts; the latter on examination have dismissed the case three times, finding nothing against me. [*See* 16 July 1667. *Ibid. No.* 46.]

Feb. 26. Sir George Carteret to the Navy Commissioners. I presume the hindrance to furnishing the accounts required by you was that my books were lodged with the Commissioners of Accounts, but Mr. Fenn will give the satisfaction you desire to-day. [*Ibid. No.* 47.]

Feb. 26. John Tyrwhitt to the Navy Commissioners. His Royal Highness having given me the command of the *Speedwell* frigate, I ask a warrant appointing as master George Wood, late master of the *Edgar*, and also master of the *Henrietta* under my command. [*Ibid. No.* 48.] *Enclosing,*

> *Trinity House certificate that George Wood of Wapping is capable to take charge as master of any ship or frigate, to the northward and southward.*—20 *May* 1668. [*Ibid. No.* 48 I.]
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> *Capt. John Wettwang to Col. Middleton. Asks him to order George Wood as master to the* Dunkirk, *he having been found able by the Trinity House.—London,* 20 *May* 1668. [*Ibid. No.* 48 II.]

Feb. 26. Court at Whitehall. Warrant for a grant to Rob. Harding, of the manor of Bramcote-cum-Trowell and Chilwell, and other lands, co. Notts, late belonging to the Monastery of Sempringham, co. Lincoln; the writings by which he holds it, according to a grant from Queen Elizabeth, having been lost or spoiled during the late wars. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 91.]

Feb. 26. Warrant to Sir John Howell, Recorder of London, and the sheriffs of London and Middlesex, to release on sufficient security Anne Seymour, *alias* Sharp, convicted at the Old Bailey of felonious stealing of some small things, and ordered to be transported; also to insert her in the pardon next to come out for Newgate convicts,

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omitting the proviso for transportation usually inserted in the pardons. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 28, *f.* 20.]

Feb. 26. Warrant for a grant to Nath. Ludlow and Edw. Boswell, at the former rents, of the manors of Husborne Tarrant, Ibrop, and Upton, co. Hants, mortgaged by Chas. Poulet in 1664 to Edmund Ludlow, sen., and afterwards forfeit to him, and escheated to the Crown by his attainder. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 113.]

Docquet of the above, dated March 5. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 19.]

Feb. 26. Warrant for a grant to Rachel, Viscountess Falkland, of 3,000*l.* out of embezzlements of prize goods, in the kingdom of Ireland; granted on account of the constant loyalty of her husband, Harry, late Viscount Falkland, and the straits in which he has left her and her son, the present Viscount, on account of debts contracted in the service. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 113.]

Feb. 26. Licence to Sir Thos. Sandys, Bart., and the other trustees of the indigent loyal officers residing within the bills of mortality, to hold one or more plate lotteries anywhere in the kingdom for 6 years, with prohibition to all others to hold the same; those only to receive the benefit who served the late King during the rebellion, are resident in London or Westminster, and have no other place of abode, and no employment or subsistence; excluding also from benefit the managers of the grant, and those who ride in the King's guard. [*Ibid. f.* 114.]

Feb. 26. Essex House. Report by John Rushworth that—the Lord Keeper being acquainted with the petition to the King in the name of Wm. Birstall, D.D., as also with that of Sir And. Henley—he is of opinion that if any endeavours are used to persuade his Majesty or the Lords of the Privy Council to stop proceedings at law, he cannot advise them to do so. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 256, *No.* 49.]

Feb. 26. Whitehall. Order granting the petition of Sir And. Henley, that his Majesty's reference on the petition of Dr. Birstall, who has abused the petitioner and caused his lady to miscarry, may not obstruct the proceedings at common law in the actions now depending. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 9.]

Feb. 26. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. I have received your friendly advice as to the neglect of the Cornish postmasters, but the coming in of the frost and ill weather stops the mails, which may be some excuse during the winter time; I will be careful as to Mr. Williamson's letters for the future. The Prince of Tuscany is expected in a few days. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 256, *No.* 50.]

Feb. 26. Newcastle. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Particulars of the movements of ships. Several of those that are to sail are intended for France. [*Ibid. No.* 51.]

Feb. 26. Deal. Rich. Watts to Williamson. An Ostend vessel laden with linen cloth ran upon the Goodwin Sands; the crew and passengers were saved. [*Ibid. No.* 52.]

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Feb. 26. Order signed by Giles Dunster, on behalf of the Commissioners for taking accounts, requiring William Wardour, Clerk of the Pells, to attend them at Brooke House, Holborn, on Wednesday next. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 256, *No.* 53.]

Feb. 26. Blickling. J. Russell to Rob. Francis. I expect to be in London in 6 weeks, when I will pay my respects to you. [*Ibid. No.* 54.]

Feb. 26. Nich. Wood to Williamson. I had a sad journey, from the grievous weather, and was forced to go by land part of the way; but I have arrived at Yarmouth, and lodge at the Wheat Sheaf; and as this is the greatest inn in the town, it is probable there will be very good play for it [the lottery ?]. [*Ibid. No.* 55.]

Feb. 27. Norfolk. Certificate by John Henson, vicar of Terrington St. Clement and St. John, and rector of St. Edmond, North Lynn, &c., and by Thos. Wilde, vicar of Wigenhall St. Mary and of Islington, that George Allsop, curate of Tilney, is a man of sober life and conversation, a painful preacher, and a true lover of God's Church. [*Ibid. No.* 56.]

Feb. 27. St. John's College, Cambridge. Thos. Watson to [Sir John Reresby]. I suppose your brother [Yarburgh] has informed you of his intention to stand a trial at the election for a fellowship; I think, from his good behaviour and his improvement, that he will have a very fair plea. I cannot expect that he should have a fairer opportunity, it being proper to the school of Sedbergh, and given by the same person that founded the scholarship. I desire to be remembered to your lady, and wish you joy of your young heir. [*Ibid. No.* 57. *See pp.* 228, 229, *infra.*]

Feb. 27. Marquis of Dorchester to Williamson. Let the enclosed be delivered to Lord Arlington, with my humble thanks. [*Ibid. No.* 58.]

Feb. 27. Lyme. Ant. Thorold to Hickes. A Danish vessel, laden with 400 barrels of tar, deals, butter, and tallow, ran ashore on Sidmouth beach, but all her men, with 200 barrels of tar, &c., were saved. Several vessels outward bound have been forced back by contrary winds. [*Ibid. No.* 59.]

[Feb. 27.] Petition of Lieut. George Finlawson to the Bishop of London, Lord Almoner, to partake of the King's bounty on Maunday Thursday next; served the late King during the wars, and at Tangiers, under Lords Rutherford and Belasyse; lost his right hand in fighting against the Moors, and cannot support his family. [*Ibid. No.* 60.]

Feb. 27. Recommendation of the above petition by Lord Arlington, the poor man being a fit object of charity. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 10.]

Feb. 27. Warrant to Sir John Howell, Recorder, and the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, to enlarge on bail Capt. Jonas Lindloff, convicted at the Old Bailey sessions of horse-stealing, and to insert him in the next pardon, leaving him out in the proviso for transportation. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 28, *f.* 24.]

Feb. 27. Sir John Mennes to the Navy Commissioners. Reports proceedings taken to obtain returns from the several storekeepers of the yards, for the use of the Commissioners of Accounts, and also as to tickets, lists of officers of the Navy, and their salaries, ships employed since Sept. 1664, &c. [2 *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 256, *No.* 61.]

Feb. 27. Col. Thos. Middleton to Pepys. I sent particulars to the Commissioners of Accounts, of the provisions in the storehouses at my first general survey, which is the same as if transmitted to you; also the returns of the clerks of the survey of Chatham and Harwich, but not of Portsmouth, Deptford, or Woolwich, as they were involved in the storekeeper's accounts. I cannot give a list of vessels employed by his Majesty during the war. [*Ibid. No.* 62.]

Feb. 27. Thos. Lewis to Pepys. I send a paper which Sir Denis Gauden intended to present to the Board, it being called for, and he doubting his being able to attend. [*Ibid. No.* 63.]

Feb. 27. John Devel to the Navy Commissioners. I desire an order to Mr. Marlow to certify the sufficiency of my securities, that I may be no longer hindered of receiving another ticket for one lost, having made affidavit and entered into a bond for his Majesty's indemnity. [*Ibid. No.* 64.]

Feb. 27. Roger Baker, purser [of the *Dartmouth*], to Pepys. I beg your assistance for a speedy trial of my business with my captain, the ship being paid, and timely notice to bring in my witnesses. [*Ibid. No.* 65.]

Feb. 27. Hamburg. Edw. Chamberlain to Williamson. By my lord's command [the Earl of Carlisle], I send you an account of our voyage. We arrived yesterday, too weary to write by that post, and this post goes by Antwerp. On the 15th, my lord set forward from Amsterdam, and never rested a day till our arrival here, though our accommodation was often uneasy, open, slow waggons, and our lodging oft on straw. Our passage from Zwol, by Lingen to Bremen, was through barren desert 150 miles, bad diet, worse ways, dangerous passages through great waters, then a sudden frost, much ice, deep snows, and dark nights. It was sometimes 11 p.m. before we found a baiting place. I wonder that my lord could endure so much, and that I could endure more than ever I did in my life.

After a little refreshment here, my lord will go forward, although at this season it is almost impossible to reach Stockholm, either by sea or land, and he will tire us all out; but his Majesty's affairs must not be neglected. [*Ibid. No.* 65A.]

Feb. 28. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. Particulars of the arrival of ships. [*Ibid. No.* 66.]

Feb. 28. Deal. Rich. Watts to Williamson. The new *Nonsuch* has come in with Sir Jer. Smith, who goes for London to-morrow, a pleasure boat having arrived for him. The Dutch captain who gave directions for setting the masts of the *Nonsuch* is to command during his absence; she is reported to be the best sailer in the world, which was caused by the art of this Dutch captain. [*Ibid. No.* 67.]

Feb. 28. Dover. J. Swaddell to Williamson. I arrived at Dover at 11 o'clock, and as the tide is almost spent, must beg pardon for brevity. [*Ibid. No.* 68.]

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Feb. 28. Dover. Jo. Carlile to Williamson. Mr. Swaddell will be at Calais in 3 hours; I hired a vessel and saw him aboard, and recommended him to a friend there for his more speedy despatch to Paris. I may thank Mr. Blayney in part for my long illness, as grief was the principal cause. Let me continue in your favour; I will be always ready to serve you. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 256, *No.* 69.]

Feb. 28. Milford. John Powell to Williamson. No news; no shipping in the harbour. [*Ibid. No.* 70.]

Feb. 28. Same to Hickes. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 71.]

Feb. 28. Deal. Rich. Watts to Rob. Francis. There is 300*l.* due to Mr. Ketchrell of Deal, for the hire of his ketch, the *Two Sisters* of Deal, during the war with Holland. The money is payable by the Navy Commissioners, and his bills are signed; if you can get him his money, he will give you 20 per cent. I hope you are mindful of my petition to the farmers. I hear from Thanet that a ship sank at the North Foreland, and that all her men were drowned. [*Ibid. No.* 72.]

Feb. 28. Warrant enlarging the protection granted to John Cassells, *alias* Castles, for 14 days from the present date. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 28, *f.* 21.]

Feb. Warrant for allowing the salaries of the Secretaries of State to be paid out of customs arising from unwrought wood, masts, timber, &c., granted to Sir Rob. Paston, Bart., in lieu of the Post Office. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 108.]

Feb. Licence to Mr. Bridgeman to travel for one year. Minute. [*Ibid. f.* 110.]

[Feb.] Warrant for a lease to Ralph Montague, in reversion after George Kirk, of a third of Gillingham Forest, on double the old rent, but remitting the fine. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 17, *p.* 281.]

Feb. Warrant to pay to Isaac Le Gouse, King's jeweller, 2,800*l.*, for a jewel given by the King to the Queen. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 17.]

Feb. Warrant to the Master of the Great Wardrobe, to deliver to Rich. Smith, clerk of the cheque of the Guard, 100 pair of red breeches, 100 livery coats, 100 velvet bonnets, 100 pairs of worsted stockings, and 100 waist and 50 carabine belts, for the Yeomen of the Guard. [*Ibid. No.* 18.]

Feb. Wm. Williamson, master of the *Black Dog* hoy, to the Navy Commissioners. Particulars of a voyage from Woolwich to Stockwith for timber, and from thence to Deptford to unload. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 256, *No.* 73.]

Feb.? "Papers on Sir Wm. Jennings' case, touching the supernumeraries in the *Sapphire*":—

Certificate by Nath. Bunch [purser of the *Sapphire*], 16 Jan. 1669, that if he does not make it appear that the supernumeraries whose names appear on the *Sapphire's* books, from 27 April 1667 to 15 Dec. 1668, were occasioned by the sudden reducement of the ship's company from 180 to 160, and the conse-

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quent taking in of men on the approach of the enemy, he will make satisfaction himself. With note that on 23 Jan. 1669, it was brought to the board by Sir W. Jennings.—16 Jan. 1669. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 256, *No.* 74.]

Certificates by W. Burroughs of the number of men borne on the *Sapphire* between 20 April 1667 and 7 Nov. 1668, being the time Sir W. Jennings was commander. With shorthand notes, undeciphered.—16 Jan. 1669. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 75.]

Like certificate of the supernumeraries in the *Sapphire* whilst the Dutch were in the river, 10 June to 23 July 1667.—2 Feb. 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 76.]

Nath. Bunch to the Navy Commissioners. I send particulars of the supernumeraries who were on the books of the *Sapphire* for the years 1667 and 1668, and who were victualled by me. Those in 1667 were occasioned by adding men when the Dutch came up the river; those of 1668 by the men who fell sick. I must confess that I had no order from Sir Wm. Jennings to bear them as supernumeraries, which was my mistake, being sometimes above and sometimes below my complement. I throw myself on your mercy for the allowance.—28 Jan. 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 77.]

Muster book of men belonging to the *Sapphire* since her last departure from Portsmouth; mustered from 16 Feb. to Sept. 1668. [3 *columns. Ibid. No.* 78.]

Petition of Sir Wm. Jennings to the Duke of York, to consider the reason which caused him to err in taking in more men than those allowed him, and to give him an order to receive his pay for the time he served as commander in the *Sapphire*, which is stopped. [*Ibid. No.* 79.]

Statement of particulars with reference to Sir Wm. Jennings' case, showing that from the discrepancy of Sir William's statements, his delays in producing proper books, his attempt to throw the blame upon his purser, and his former practices in the *Ruby*, there is great ground to suspect him of want of integrity, in the affair of the supernumeraries on board the ship commanded by him from 20 April 1667 to 7 Nov. 1668. [4½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 80.]

Feb. Estimates of sea and harbour provisions for all ships except those of the winter guard and the yachts, for the month of August 1668, 4,386*l.* 14*s.*; September, 3,927*l.* 6*s.*; December, 2,593*l.* 14*s.*; and February 1669, 2,322*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.* [4 *papers. Ibid. Nos.* 81–84.]

Feb. Memorandum [by Rob. Mayors, purveyor] of the quantity and quality of some spruce deals belonging to George Body. [*Ibid. No.* 85.]

Feb.? Petition of George, son of the late Sir Thos. Stepney, to the King, to admit Wm. Cooke to all the profits and allowances due to him as Groom of the Privy Chamber supernumerary, which place he pur-

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chased from Thos. Greene for 300*l.*; cannot prevail with the Lords of the Treasury to pass his docquet for 3*s.* 4*d.* a day for board wages, granted him 12 Oct. 1664, and the Master of the Wardrobe refuses him 40*l.* a year for livery, of which 3 years are due, having orders to pay no supernumeraries, so that his arrears amount to 376*l.* 14*s.* 10*d.* [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 256, *No.* 85A.] *Annexing,*

Certificate by Sir John Berkeley and 5 others, that Wm. Cooke served the Duke of York 6 years as commissioner for managing his household affairs, and is a fit servant for his Majesty.—10 *Feb.* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 85A I.]

Feb. ? Note of request from Hen. Roger, High Sheriff of Somersetshire, for the same favour as granted to Sir George Horner, the last sheriff, of permission to appoint a deputy to attend at the assizes, he being ill. [*Ibid. No.* 86.]

Feb. ? Request of the lottery patentees to know the King's opinion about their attending the Lord Mayor and aldermen, as to their lotteries. [*Ibid. No.* 87.]

Feb. ? Account by one of the patentees of the lottery for officers, that Sir Thos. Sandys and 3 more of them attended the Lord Mayor, delivered their patent on request to the Recorder, Sir John Howell, and are to receive an answer from the Lord Mayor and aldermen on Tuesday. Suggestion that the King and Lord [Arlington] should take occasion to speak to the Lord Mayor and Recorder on their behalf. [*Ibid. No.* 88.]

Feb. Minutes of warrants relating to the appointment and salary of the Excise Commissioners, viz.:—

Warrant to pay 250*l.* each a year to Sir Denis Ashburnham, Sir George Benyon, Fras. Finch, and Edw. Wingate, out of the revenue of Excise, until his Majesty shall find some other employment for them.—July 1668.

Warrant to pay to Sir D. Ashburnham, Bart., and other late Commissioners and Governors of the Excise, 250*l.* each yearly, and to J. Ball, late cashier, 200*l.* a year from the Excise revenue; not to be registered for payment in course, but continued till the King's farther pleasure.

Constitution of Rob. Spencer and 8 others as Commissioners of Appeals for regulating Excise, granting them 200*l.* a year each out of the Excise duty.—Feb. 1669. Endorsed with notes of salary to the Committee of Plantations.—Jan. 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 89.]

Feb. ? Account of the receipts and expenses of the Earl of Sandwich as Extraordinary Ambassador to Spain and Portugal, the former amounting to 19,253*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.*, and the latter to 25,567*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.* With note by Lord Arlington that the same having been referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, it has been allowed, and his Majesty has also approved of it. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 90.]

Feb. ? Note [by Williamson] that the said accounts of the Earl of Sandwich are allowed by the Committee for Foreign Affairs, subject to certain deductions, &c., named. [*Ibid. No.* 91.]

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Feb. ? Eight queries submitted for the King's consideration with reference to certain ceremonies to be observed with or by the Prince of Tuscany, who intends landing at Plymouth, and passing from thence *incognito*, and so remaining all the time he shall be in England, as he was when in Spain; with the answers to them. [3 *pages*. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 256, *No.* 92.]

Feb. ? Answer by the Queen Mother to 5 of the said queries. As to the first 3, relating to his reception, and the officials to be sent to attend him, there is no scruple. As to the 4th, the King should not put on his hat, in order that the Prince may remain bareheaded. As to the 5th, suggestions are made about his visit to the Duke and Duchess of York. As to the 6th, Prince Rupert, being the King's cousin, and the son of an Elector of the empire, should receive the first visit from the Prince. As to the 7th, the Prince cannot follow the example of the Duke of York as to remaining covered or uncovered, they not being equal. As to the 8th, there will be no difficulty made as to his precedence after the Duke and Duchess of York, should they dine in public. [*French*. 3 *pages*. *Ibid. No.* 93.]

Feb. Translation of the above. [1½ *pages*. *Ibid. No.* 94.]

Feb. ? Account by Stephen Fay of expenses incurred subsequent to his arrest at Rye at the suit of Mark Serjeant, master of a ship, for his passage money from St. Valery, and for moneys lent, amounting in the whole, including the debt and costs, to 21*l.* 5*s.* [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 256, *No.* 95.]

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Deal. Lists sent by Mor. Lodge to Williamson, of ships in the Downs during the month, as follows:—

Vol. 256. No.	Date.	King's.	Merchant.	Wind.
96	Feb. 1	1	10	S.W.
97	„ 3	1	14	S.W.
98	„ 5	1	16	S.W.
99	„ 6	1	18	S.W.
100	„ 7	1	19	S.W.
101	„ 8	1	20	S.W.
102	„ 9	1	20	S.W.
103	„ 10	1	21	S.W.
104	„ 11	1	25	S.W.
105	„ 12	1	27	S.W.
106	„ 13	1	27	S.W.
107	„ 14	1	26	S.W.
108	„ 15	1	30	S.W.
109	„ 16	1	30	S.W.
110	„ 18	1	31	N.W.
111	„ 19	1	5	N.
112	„ 20	1	15	N.W.
113	„ 21	1	8	N.N.W.
114	„ 22	1	2	N.E.
115	„ 23	1	1	N.W.
116	„ 24	1	2	S.E.
117	„ 25	1	2	E.
118	„ 26	1	2	N.E.
119	„ 28	1	7	S.W.

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March 1. Petworth. Earl of Northumberland to Lord [Arlington]. I would not have so long deferred sending the names of those I desire to be presented to his Majesty as deputy-lieutenants, could I have got their answer earlier. As the lists differ but little from what was before, I doubt not of the King's approbation therein. [*This was granted* 5 *March, see p.* 224 *infra. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 257, *No.* 1.] *Enclosing,*

Names of 11 *deputy-lieutenants proposed for Northumberland.* [*Ibid. No.* 1 i.]

Names of 6 *proposed for Newcastle.* [*Ibid. No.* 1 ii.]

Names of 9 *proposed for Sussex.* [*Ibid. No.* 1 iii.]

March 1. Wareham. Thos. Adamson to Rob. Francis. Mrs. Moundeford, senior, is very ill, but much revived at the sight of her daughter. I delivered her your letter, which was kindly accepted, but I believe she could not answer it for the world's ransom; she leaves all her business to Hen. Widdrington, who acts as a father to her child. I gave the second letter to the young lady herself, who sends her humble service, and sends a letter for Mr. Widdrington, which she desires you will deliver. I suppose she has given him some account of her employment, as she has been so concerned for her mother since I brought her home, that she has not been over the threshold yet. I hope you will come with my lord, who attends the King to Newmarket, to witness the foot race, and I will then wait upon you, it being only 22 miles distant. Give mine and my wife's humble service to Lady Crane, my valentine, Madam Carnaby, and Mr. Widdrington. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 2.]

March 1. Pendennis. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. There are 40 sail now in harbour; the *George,* laden with oils, sailed this morning for London, and one for Plymouth with iron. [*Ibid. No.* 3.]

March 1. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Hickes. A vessel from Rouen reports that the plague has quite left the town, and that the French King is building 120 boats of 3 tons each, which he intends to put into 3 squadrons of English, Dutch, and French, who are to sham a sea fight for the divertisement of the Court. Several ships outward bound have put to sea, and others have come in. [*Ibid. No.* 4.]

March 1. *Little Victory,* Spithead. Capt. Leonard Harris to the Navy Commissioners. I arrived from Leghorn with marble stones, by order of Sir Thos. Allin, and was forced in here by contrary winds, where I shall wait your orders. [*Ibid. No.* 5.]

March 1. Whitehall. Sir George Carteret to the Navy Commissioners. I directed Mr. Waith to wait upon you, and he represented that as all orders from the Lord High Admiral, for entering ships into pay and discharging them, were directed to you, the records of your office must suffice to answer the question required by the Commissioners of Accounts. As all our sea books and net books are in the custody of the said Commissioners, I could not answer the question what ships have been paid. [1¼ *pages. Ibid. No.* 6.]

March 1. Woolwich Ropeyard. Wm. Bodham to the Navy Commissioners. I need a supply of tar, some yarn having received damage for want of it, through the moistness of the walls. [*Ibid. No.* 7.]

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March 1. Victualling Office. Thos. Lewis to the Navy Commissioners. Capt. Thos. Gurling, formerly commander of the Barbadoes fireship, was indebted on his victualling account, he having been allowed his wages. The victualler begs allowance for what he stands charged with, much being lost through the sinking of the ship, with a great portion of the provisions, in Chatham river. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 257, *No.* 8.]

March 2. Portsmouth. Capt. Ant. Deane to Pepys. My wife, on second thought, thinks the piece of plate should be a tankard, if there is time enough to stop the flagon. [1½ *pages, much defaced. Ibid. No.* 9.]

March 2. Portsmouth. Capt. Ant. Deane to Mat. Wren. Observations on masts, &c., in store, and the purposes for which they are required. The *Little Victory* arrived at Spithead with marble for his Majesty's houses. [4 *pages, damaged. Ibid. No.* 10.]

March 2. Rob. Maddocks to Surveyor Thos. Middleton. Upon the promise of ready money, my brother [J. Maddocks] has served in several pieces of very good plank, when it was not very easily to be had, and is buying more in Suffolk, which he cannot go through with, unless he is supplied by payment of his bills. [*Ibid. No.* 11. *See Calendar* 1667, *p.* 361.]

March 2. Navy Office. Surveyor Middleton to Pepys. I send an account of unserviceable and decayed provisions from the several yards. I have also visited his Majesty's houses and offices in possession of the victualler, and find some of them taken down, being rotten, and those standing ready to drop down. Inquiring the reason, Sir Denis Gauden says he took them down to preserve his men's lives, lest when at work they might fall on their heads; but he intends to re-build them or erect a double-roofed house in the yard in their stead. [*Ibid. No.* 12.]

March 2. Woolwich. W. Hannam to the Navy Commissioners. I will put in practice the rules of the Navy for causing men to give attendance, now they are being paid monthly. It was the neglect of the *Assistance's* company that I complained of to the surveyor. Here are 11 ships and 57 men borne upon them, and if two-thirds would give attendance, I should be able to comply with the work; but the cooks complain that if they gave constant attendance, and had not liberty to get money some other way, they could not live. I told them they should have all the liberty that could be afforded, but must be here at the docking and launching of ships; they thought they were hardly dealt with. I hope to complete the number of 25 in the rigging house. [1¼ *pages. Ibid. No.* 13.]

March 2. Newcastle. Humphrey Pibus to the Navy Commissioners. I shall use all means to ship the 80 masts, but fear not to be able until the blowing month of March is over, when I shall have more ships, and the masters will be more willing to hazard them. [*Ibid. No.* 14.]

March 2. Jas. Hayes to the Navy Commissioners. I want an order to the officers at Woolwich, for a longboat for the *Wevenhoe* ketch, lent by the King to Prince Rupert and others for a voyage to Hudson's Bay, her former boat being staved. [*Ibid. No.* 15.]

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March 2. Rye. Edmond Harris to the Navy Commissioners. I want a reward for a Hastings man, for recovering part of a cable belonging to the *St. Andrew.* I also beg that the money long since disbursed by me may be paid. I ordered Phineas Cheston to receive it, but he could never get any of it. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 257, *No.* 16.]

March 2. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. Nothing has been heard of the 8 or 10 seamen that left the vessel on the Goodwin Sands in the long boat; it is feared they are lost, as the boat was small, and many in it, beside some rich goods. [*Ibid. No.* 17.]

March 2. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Expedition* from Genoa and Leghorn, laden with merchants' goods for Amsterdam, put into Spithead for sails and other necessaries. [*Ibid. No.* 18.]

March 2. Portsmouth. Same to the Same. The *Little Victory* has arrived at Spithead from Leghorn, with marble for his Majesty, and is bound for the Thames. [*Ibid. No.* 19.]

March 2. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. A ship has arrived from Leghorn and one from Cadiz. The *Concord,* that sailed for the Isle of Wight, sprang a leak, and put back to be repaired. [*Ibid. No.* 20.]

March 2. Newcastle. Rich. Forster to Williamson. There have 3 ships come in; the laden fleet still remains, waiting for a fair wind. [*Ibid No.* 21.]

March 3. Bristol. James Baskerville to Williamson. A vessel has come in with sherry from Cadiz, being the first imported since the Act for the new imposition. French wines are also very scarce, so that it is believed his Majesty, or the Farmers of Customs, will lose as much by the customs as that duty amounts to here. [*Ibid. No.* 22.]

March 3. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect as his letter to Hickes of the 1st. Also, a vessel from Marseilles reports that the Turks made a great breach upon the outworks of Candia; that most of the French succours sent there were killed in the onset, and that unless a speedy supply is sent, the city will be in much danger of being taken. I beg to be supplied with the news-letters, having had none 2 or 3 posts. [1¾ *pages. Ibid. No.* 23.]

March 3. Falmouth. Same to Hickes. To the same effect as the latter part of the above. [*Ibid. No.* 24.]

March 3. Yarmouth. Rich. Bower to Williamson. There have 23 vessels sailed for the North Seas to catch cod; several others have come in, one of which was boarded at sea by a Turkish man-of-war, who took some inconsiderable things, and told them the peace would not long hold.

The Independents have fitted up a place for public meetings with seats for the people, and a desk for the parson, where at least 1,000 met. The fitting up was not taken notice of before they met, only by their own party, by which may be seen the secret intelligence they hold with one another. Lord Gerard arrived last night, and left this day. He rode round the town to take a view, in company with Dr. Lewin's son. [*Ibid. No.* 25.]

March 3. Weymouth. John Pocock to James Hickes. The *Mousehunter* hoy was cast away at Portland on 28 Feb., laden with pitch; the greatest part of her cargo was saved, but not the ship. [*Ibid. No.* 26.]

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March 3. Chester. Ma. Anderton to Williamson. The *Mary* yacht has arrived with Lord Fingall [Luke Plunkett] and his lady, and Col. FitzPatrick from Dublin; the Earl of Derby has issued orders for the militia of this county to muster during the month, to see in what posture they are for service in case of exigence. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 257, *No.* 27.]

March 3. Warrant for discharge of Margaret Griffith from her imprisonment, on giving security to transport herself to Virginia. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 115.]

March 3. Licence to Col. William Howard, Sir Simon Fanshaw, Sir Henry Chichley, Sir William Neale, Bart., Sir William Mason, Sir William Carr, Cols. Guy Molesworth, Rowland Laugherne, ——— Lamplugh, Conyers Griffin, ——— Moubray, Lieut.-Col. Thomas Godfrey, Major Thomas Herne, ——— Wigmore, and ——— Crompton, to hold plate lotteries in Ireland, provided they be not prejudicial to the Royal Oak Lottery granted to James Roche for 7 years. [*Ibid. f.* 116.]

March 3. Warrant to James Beck, serjeant-at-arms, to apprehend Sir William Coventry, and convey him to the Tower for having sent a challenge to the Duke of Buckingham. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

March 3. Warrant to Sir John Robinson, Lieutenant of the Tower, to receive Sir William Coventry. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

March 4. Note by Sir John Robinson, Lieutenant of the Tower, that he has received Coventry by the hands of Beck, serjeant-at-arms, according to his Majesty's order. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 257, *No.* 28.]

March 4. Warrant to John Bradley to convey Henry Saville to the Tower. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 116.]

March 4. Warrant to the Lieutenant of the Tower to receive him. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

March 4. Post warrant for Capt. Bevill Skelton to come to London from York. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

March 4. Warrant for a grant of denization for George de Coster, an alien. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 91.]

March 4. Warrant for remission to Fras. Wiltshaw, captain of the *Antelope*, in consideration of former service, of a fine of 282*l.* 10*s.* to which he is condemned by the Commissioners for discovery of prize goods embezzled, provided he satisfy the discoverers for the portion allotted to them for discovery. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 26, *f.* 48.]

March 4. Warrant to Sir Edw. Griffin, Treasurer of the Chamber, to pay 100*l.* to Humphrey, Bishop of London, chief almoner, to be distributed in alms on Maunday Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Monday. [*Ibid.*]

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March 4. Recommendation from Lord Arlington to the Lord Bishop Almoner, of the petition of John Foresey, an ancient servant of the King, for alms on Maunday Thursday. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 12.]

March 4. Thos. Goose, purser of the *Sweepstakes*, to the Navy Commissioners. I beg that my papers may be reviewed, and just right allowed, [John] Shales and other officers having testified to their accuracy. I sent provisions to ships named by my captain's order; if I had denied, I should have been put in the bilboes, as others have been. I could not command the wind and sea; you have the officers' hand, and the captain's letter, and I hope you do not think all men are liars. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 257, *No.* 29.]

March 4. Woolwich. Edw. Grainge, cook of the *Assistance*, to Sir John Mennes. The master attendant at Woolwich requires that I and the other warrant officers should attend to do duty, and labour wherever he appoints; this being a thing not practicable in the Navy, we refused to work except aboard the ship to which we belong; therefore he has caused our victualling warrants to be stopped. We desire your order to the clerk of the cheque, that we may have our warrants, and not be required to work as common labourers. [*Ibid. No.* 30.]

March 4? Richard Green, purser of the *Monmouth*, to Pepys. The provisions of the *Monmouth* are all delivered at Sir Denis Gauden's storehouse at Deptford, except one boat with beer. I desire a survey, that I may be cleared, and have a receipt. [*Ibid. No.* 30A.]

March 4. London. Rob. Bransby to Lord Conway, Ragley Lodge. I beg payment of my bill of 200*l.*, for goods delivered at your house in Queen Street, having received only 60*l.*, and given credit for above 4 years. [*Ibid. No.* 31.]

March 5. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. No ships in the Downs; there is a report that the French resolve upon Flanders the ensuing summer. [*Ibid. No.* 32.]

March 5. Newcastle. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Particulars of the arrival and departure of ships. [*Ibid. No.* 33.]

March 5. Brooke House, Holborn. Order of the Commissioners of Accounts that Wm. Wardour, Clerk of the Pells, be desired to prepare accounts of all receipts and issues of money by virtue of the Act for granting 1,250,000*l.* for his Majesty's supply, as also upon the Poll Bill, and an explanatory Act thereof, and that such accounts be framed as directed, and delivered in to them upon oath. [*Ibid. No.* 34.]

March 5. Certificate by Rob. Foorthe and 9 others, churchwardens and inhabitants of St. Saviour's, Southwark, to the Judge of Assize and gaol delivery for Surrey, that Wm. Clint has been an inhabitant several years, is honest, but poor, and is no ways given to defrauding, or known to have been tainted in his reputation. [*Ibid. No.* 35.]

[March 5.] Like certificate by Zach. Populer and 4 others, that Clint, a drayman, has lived with them as a servant, and that they always found

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him honest and faithful. Also certificate of Jo. Halle and 11 other justices of the peace that he has lived with several brewers in the Borough for many years, and has a very good repute amongst his neighbours. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 257, *No.* 36.]

March 5. Sir John Denham to Lord Arlington. I find by my patent that I have power to make a deputy, during my life; and according to the King's desire, intimated by the Duke of Buckingham, I have appointed Dr. Christopher Wren my sole deputy. I desire his lordship will obtain a warrant for him, he having been already sworn. I know of no verbal deputations, and if Mr. May or anyone else pretends thereto, it is without my knowledge or consent. [*Ibid. No.* 37.]

March 5. Prison. M. de la Fabvolière to Williamson. I beg you to obtain me Lord Arlington's pardon. My offence has been done in ignorance. I thought I was doing right in making a plan of Whitehall, as ordered by the King, but could not do it without a protection, because I owed money, and was in danger of arrest. I beg an order that my papers, books, and drawings may not be spoiled, also leave to have the society of my friends. [*Ibid. No.* 38.]

March 5. Earl of Manchester to Lord Arlington. Being satisfied that it is the desire of the college, I give Edmond Smith leave to have a dispensation to capacitate him to be chosen Fellow of Queen's College, if his Majesty will grant a dispensation in regard to county. [*Ibid. No.* 39.]

March 5. The King to the [Vice-Chancellor] of Cambridge. We recommend Thos. Williams, who has for some time past attended our Royal person, and shown singular knowledge in compounding medicines, to the degree of M.D., without fees or exercises, dispensing with our letter of 15 July last, or any other statute to the contrary. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 19, *p.* 98.]

[March 5.] Draft of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 257, *No.* 40.]

March 5. The King to the Dean, &c., of Salisbury. We recommend Gabriel Thistlethwaite, a kinsman of Sir Edw. Hungerford, to the first vacant prebend in that cathedral, he being a person of good note and quality, and Sir Edward, who has sued for him, deserving well for his loyalty. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 19, *p.* 99.]

[March 5.] Draft of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 257, *No.* 41.]

March 5. Approbation of John Ashburnham and 8 others, as deputy-lieutenants for Sussex. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 20, *p.* 196.]

March 5. Approbation of Lord Widdrington and 10 others, as deputy-lieutenants for Northumberland. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

March 5. Approbation of the Mayor and 5 others, as deputy-lieutenants for Newcastle. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

March 5. Whitehall. Warrant for renewal of the commission of 20 Oct. last, for establishing a Council of Trade, adding thereto the Earls of Devonshire

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and Sandwich, George, Viscount Halifax, and George, Lord Berkeley, of Berkeley Castle; with a clause confirming the acts of the former Commission. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 92.]

March 5. Sec. Trevor to the Treasury Commissioners. His Majesty wishes you to issue orders for Sir Wm. Temple, Ambassador at the Hague, to have the same allowance of 10*l.* a day which has been established for Ambassadors at the Northern courts. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 26, *f.* 49.]

March 5. Warrant for a pardon to Theophilus Birkenhead from burning in the hand, to which he was condemed at the Old Bailey sessions, for manslaughter of Rob. Brookes, committed under foul provocation. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 28, *f.* 21.]

March 5. Pass for 3 horses to France for Francis Cole. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 116.]

March 5. Warrant for the *Half-Moon*, an English prize ship, to be entered and registered. Minute. [*Ibid., f.* 117.]

[March 5.] Pedigree of the Howard family from Sir Rob. Howard, who married Margaret, heiress of Thos. Mowbray, [first] Duke of Norfolk, in its several branches. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 257, *No.* 41A.]

March 5. Whitehall. Warrant for a grant to Lord Henry Howard, brother to the Duke of Norfolk, of the dignity of Baron Howard of Castle Rising, Norfolk. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 117.]

[March 5.] Draft of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 257, *No.* 42.]

March [5]. Docquet of the above. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 25.]

March 5. Warrant to Sir George Carteret to pay 3,000*l.* to John, Lord Robartes, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, towards his equipage and preparations for that employment, the same to be allowed him on his accounts. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 117.]

March 5. Pass for Nicholas Bryan, his wife and 9 children, to Germany Minute. [*Ibid.*]

March 5. Pass for 16 coach-horses and geldings to France for Lord Arundel of Wardour, custom free. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 257, *No.* 43.]

March 5. Minute of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 116.]

March 5. Warrant to Sir Harbottle Grimstone, Master of the Rolls, to permit Joseph Williamson, Keeper of State Papers, to peruse and transcribe all leagues, treaties, &c., within the Chapel of the Rolls, without paying any fees, and to make use of all indexes, calendars, and repertories for furthering the same. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

[March 5.] Draft of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 257, *No.* 44.]

March 5. Similar warrant for him to peruse the Records in the Exchequer. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 117.]

March 5. Draft of the above 2 entries. [*Ibid.*]

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Warrant to pay to the Duke of York from the Exchequer 2,250*l.*, being the annuity for three quarters of a year of the 3,000*l.* a year granted him for maintenance of his children, the said annuity to be paid in future from the sums saved by the reduction of the officers of excise. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 19.]

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London.

Thos. Clutterbuck to the Navy Commissioners. Mr. Longland, my agent at Leghorn, has solicited Sir Thos. Allin, Capt. [Rob.] Robinson in the *Ruby*, and Capt. [Fras.] Digby in the *Montague*, to receive part of the provisions remaining there, but they have all refused, pretending they have no orders to receive them. I request an order that the first ships which arrive may receive them or transport them to Tangiers, so as to prevent their total loss, and further charge of warehouse room, &c. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 257, *No.* 45.]

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Victualling Office.

Thos. Lewis to the Navy Commissioners. Nathaniel Butler, formerly purser of the *Amity*, brought his papers for passing his accounts, among which was a certificate of the leakage of 77 gallons of brandy, on which he took an affidavit; I gave him a certificate that he was somewhat a creditor, in order that he might receive his wages, but Sir John Mennes refused it, whereupon I returned the papers to the purser, and said that unless he could get it allowed, his account would not be balanced. He came to this office 10 days since, with Mr. Jones, the solicitor, who demanded why he was set down in the list of pursers in debt, having his certificate that he had cleared. I reminded him that misreckoning was no payment, and that an error was no plea for not clearing his account, and tore up the certificate I had given him. [*Ibid. No.* 46.] *Annexing,*

Petition of Nath. Butler to the Navy Commissioners, that he may not be put to any trouble in his account, having passed it as purser of the Amity, *for her voyage to Guinea, and produced to them Mr. Lewis's certificate, which Lewis afterwards tore in pieces, and petitioner is thereby become liable for the whole account. With order by Lord Brouncker that Mr. Lewis is to satisfy the Board of the truth of what is alleged in the petition.* [*Ibid. No.* 46I.]

Thos. Lewis to William Hewer. I send a return to the petition of Nath. Butler, and an account of the state of the balance.—6 March 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 46II.]

Debtor and creditor account of Nath. Butler. With note that if the brandy alleged to have been lost by leakage, and which amounted to 6*l.* 18*s.* 4½*d.*, *had been allowed, he would have been a creditor for* 5*l.* 17*s.* 8*d.* [*Ibid. No.* 46III.]

Account of men borne on board the Amity *frigate, and of provisions, &c., received, and returned; with the amounts debited and credited to Butler, purser, from Jan.* 1660 *to Jan.* 1662. [*Ibid. No.* 46IV].

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March 6. Newcastle. Capt. John Wettwang to the Navy Commissioners. Will assist [Hum.] Pibus in shipping the masts for Deptford, after the great fleet has come, if the weather proves fit. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 257, *No.* 47.]

March 6. Whitehall. M. Wren to Pepys. As the Duke is going out of town, is there any further order required from him with respect to the *William*, or any other order necessary to be despatched? [*Ibid. No.* 48.]

March 6. Ordnance Office. Edw. Sherburne and Rich. March to Pepys. Having given command to take away all the guns lying upon the wharf at Woolwich, we desire you to order that the skids they lie upon may be delivered, and go with them. [*Ibid. No.* 49.]

March 6. Account of work done in [Thos.] Turner's house at Crutched Friars, amounting to 8*l.* 5*s.* 1*d.* With note that it was concluded unfit to be laid upon the King, it being done without the Navy Commissioners' order or knowledge, and that Mr. Turner's removal was by his own desire, and to his own advantage. [*Ibid. No.* 50.]

March 6. The King to the Master and Senior Fellows of St. John's College, Cambridge. We recommend John Masters, B.A. of that college, third son of Sir Edw. Masters, who suffered much for loyalty, for the first vacant fellowship there. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 19, *p.* 100.]

March 6. Letter to the President, &c., of Queens' College, Cambridge, to allow Edmund Smith, B.A., to stand candidate for a fellowship, although the number of persons appointed by statute from the county of Suffolk, where he was born, is filled up. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

March 6. Pass for 7 horses to France for Colonel [John] Strode. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 117.]

March 6. Grant to Dr. Chris. Wren, LL.D., of the office of Deputy Surveyor of Works in the Tower, and other the King's residences, at request of Sir John Denham, Surveyor, on account of his weakness. [*Ibid. f.* 118.]

[March 6.] Draft of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 257, *No.* 50a.]

March 6. Whitehall. Recommendation to the Treasury Commissioners of the petition of Ralph Folyard, for his arrears of 5 years, due Midsummer last, the King being much troubled that a person so near in attendance about his own person, and honest and assiduous in his service, should be so far in arrear. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 12.]

March 6. Whitehall. Reference to the Treasury Commissioners of the petition of Wm. Gorsuch, deputy bailiff for Woodstock Manor and Wootton Hundred, for repayment of 146*l.* 4*s.* 2*d.*, laid out by him in repairing the manor house. [*Ibid. p.* 14.]

March 6. Whitehall. Reference to the Duke of York of the petition of Wm. Howard, for the ship *Friezland*, lying in Chatham river, much strained in her hulk, without masts, and not worth repair. [*Ibid.*]

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March 6. Wm. Blathwait to Williamson. I send the 270 figures asked for, and hope they will be approved; I could not get them before. They are 2 sous each, coming to 27 florins; if 500 were bought, M. Blasu would take 1½ sous each. I have not yet met with the books you asked me for. [*French. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 257, *No.* 51.]

March 6. Bristol. Jo. Fitzherbert to Williamson. Several ships outward bound have been driven back with damage. The *Talent* from Cadiz reports that Sir Thos. Allin is before Algiers; that of the English ships lately rifled, only 2 were carried into Algiers, and that when the rest of the Algiers men arrive there, it is reported that the captains will lose their heads, for giving the English such great abuse. Other English merchant ships have been used very cruelly by their men-of-war, without the least sign of discontent. [*Ibid. No.* 52.]

March 6. Lyme. Ant. Thorold to Hickes. The *Charles* from Havre de Grace reports that they have bettered their harbour, and can now receive ships of great burthen; also that they are making dry and wet docks, and are very active in raising men, and fitting ships for the relief of Candia. [*Ibid. No.* 53.]

March 6. William, Lord Willoughby, to Lord [Arlington]. I have adjusted the disposal of the 200*l.*, and send the names of 21 officers concerned, with the amount each is to receive. [1½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 54.]

March 7. Same to Williamson. Lord Arlington desires you to write to the Treasury Commissioners about the 200*l.* intended for Major Needham and his distressed company, a list of which, and of the distribution according to my judgment, he has already received. His Lordship spoke to Lord Ashley and Mr. Treasurer about paying the same into my hands, but I shall employ Capt. Ennis in my stead, who will obey Lord Arlington's commands. [*Ibid. No.* 55.]

March 7. Milford. John Powell to Hickes. A ship arrived last week from the Canaries, laden with wines for London, and two ships for the Barbadoes. [*Ibid. No.* 56.]

March 7. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Nonsuch* has arrived from the Downs to have a new mainmast, her present one being too small. The *Expedition* and *Little Victory* from the Straits are at Spithead. [*Ibid. No.* 57.]

March 7. Newcastle. Rich. Forster to Williamson. There have 20 sail of light ships arrived from Ipswich, &c. [*Ibid. No.* 58.]

March 7. Information by John Thursby and John Bowman, constables of Gateshead, given on oath before Isaac Basire, D.D., of 13 persons named, who were present at a conventicle at Sam. London's house in Gateshead, on Sunday, 7 March, 1669. [*Copy. Ibid. No.* 59.]

March 7. Thribergh. Sir John Reresby to Williamson. Pray procure either a mandate or the King's letter, in favour of my youngest brother, Yarburgh Reresby. He is a scholar of St. John's, Cambridge, and capable of a fellowship now void, and intends standing a trial at the election on 25 March; but having a competitor in the same capacity, who is

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the President's quondam sizer, he has nothing to balance it. Dr. [Peter] Gunning is master, and his tutor is [Thos.] Watson, whose letter I have enclosed, to show you his proficiency. [*S.P. Dom*, *Car. II.* 257, *No.* 60.]

March 8. Warrant to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster to order Sir John Curzon, receiver, to pay 750*l.* to John Hall, after the 1,500*l.* ordered for the Navy. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 30, *f.* 118.]

[March 8.] Note of alterations suggested in a grant to Mr. Hall. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 257, *No.* 61.]

March 8. Petition of Capt. Rich. Mynors to the King, for licence to navigate a small ship to the East Indies, his estate and family being there, on security to the company not to meddle in commerce. Served the late King, and being obliged, on surrender of Colchester, to leave the kingdom, served the East India Company. Was a commander of ships in the late naval war. [*Ibid. No.* 62.]

[March 8.] Petition of Chris. Barker to the King, for letters mandatory for the next beadle's place vacant in Cambridge University. Has been sequestered 20 years, and been a great sufferer for his loyalty, to the utter ruin of his estate and family, and has no way left to support himself, but by his Majesty's grace. Was formerly a member of the University, and is capable for the office solicited. [*Ibid. No.* 63.]

March 8. Earl of Manchester to Lord Arlington. I permit Chris. Barker to have his Majesty's recommendation for the next vacancy, if he shall be pleased to grant his letters. [*Ibid. No.* 64.]

March 8. Wm. Dugdale to Williamson. I recommend the bearer, who has been employed at the Tower in transcribing records, and understands the abbreviations, and has skill enough to make good Latin. I think he will be fit for what you desire. [*Ibid. No.* 65.]

March 8. John Page to Williamson. Mr. Crouch will carry the packet for Sir Thos. Allin to St. Sebastian's or Madrid; to encourage him to go, I promised him to attend you, but not being able to see you after waiting 3 hours, I beg a line. I know of a ship bound for Cadiz, if you intend sending by sea, and have requested Mr. Crouch to wait until the return of the post for instructions. I have a great part of my estate in Spain, so I beg, if it runs any hazard, which is much feared, that you will let me know. [2 *pages*. *Ibid. No.* 66.]

March 9. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. A ship bound for Cadiz put in here, having lost her topmast, &c., in a storm. The Prince of Tuscany is expected. [*Ibid. No.* 67.]

March 9. Newcastle. Rich. Forster to Williamson. No ships have left the harbour, but several have arrived. [*Ibid. No.* 68.]

March 9. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. There are in the Downs 5 ships, bound for Lisbon, Malaga, Bordeaux, &c. [*Ibid. No.* 69.]

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Rich. Watts to Rob. Francis. I suppose Mr. Williamson has received my articles of complaint against Marsh. Pray remind him of them, and also of my petition; I judge one article alone will be sufficient to dismiss [Barth.] Marsh. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 257, *No.* 70.]

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Calais.

Father Patrick Ma Ginn to [Williamson]. I have arrived safe at Calais, after being detained 4 days and nights at sea by fogs and bad winds, and am almost recovered in health. Pray despatch the King's letter for my brother, he being at my expense all the while he stays; Mr. Barker will pay the fees. I have written to Sir R. Beeling to mind [you] in the business with the Queen. [*Ibid. No.* 71.]

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Roger Eastwood to the Navy Commissioners. Has made and set the mast of the *Nonsuch* with a New England tree, her former one having been a Gottenburg mast. [*Ibid. No.* 72.]

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Woolwich.

Edw. Byland to Pepys. Will put the 2 ships proposed in hand, and sends a demand for fitting them, and entering more men. Queries about sheathing the *Foresight*, docking the *Jersey*, and launching the *Garland*. Gave Col. Middleton an account of the bricklayers' works. [*Ibid. No.* 73.]

March 10.
Ordnance Office.

Fras. Nicholls and Edw. Sherburne to the Navy Commissioners. Ask the number and nature of the guns to be carried by the *William* merchant ship, fitting as a man-of-war, having received order from the Duke of York to supply her. [*Ibid. No.* 74.]

March 10.
Woolwich.

W. Hannam to the Navy Commissioners. You wish me to certify the condition of Woolwich where the ships lie afloat; the river has now grown so ill, that I judge it not safe for the *Falcon* to take in her provisions and guns here, but at Halfwaytree, where she may receive them. [*Ibid. No.* 75.]

March 10.
Falmouth.

Thos. Holden to Hickes. There are 40 sail of merchantmen in port outward bound. I have had no letter from Mr. Williamson this 3 or 4 posts. If he will not write, I shall forbear writing any more. [*Ibid. No.* 76.]

March 10.
Dover.

Jo. Carlile to Williamson. I saw Esquire Murray on board the packet-boat, and believe he got over in 4 hours. Our Ambassador, with a small retinue, has arrived at Calais, and intends furnishing himself with Frenchmen. [*Ibid. No.* 77.]

March 10.
Post Office.

A. Ellis to Williamson. Not finding any packet for Spain from Mr. Page, I procured a cover from him, and a few lines recommending the packet to his correspondent; and that the boat might not depart till the express should arrive, I stayed the mail till six. [*Ibid. No.* 78.]

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Deal.

Rich. Watts to Williamson. The *Little Victory*, a fireship, has been sent home by Sir Thos. Allin, with stores for Greenwich House; it is reported she is full of rich merchant goods. [*Ibid. No.* 79.]

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March 10. Weymouth. John Pocock to Hickes. A ship has arrived from St. Malo, with the report that a great fleet is preparing for the Newfoundland fishery. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 257, *No.* 80.]

March 10. Yarmouth. Rich. Bower to Williamson. We hear of daily losses by the late storms, several ships belonging to Yarmouth having been cast away, and nearly all their men drowned. Two vessels have come in. [*Ibid. No.* 81.]

March 10. Bridekirk. George Williamson to Jos. Williamson. Having to pay Mr. Stewart 300*l.* on the 15th, may I expect anything from my cousin Lamplugh? and how will he pay the consideration for the school, which will then be due? I will preserve your credit and my bond. I cannot hear what my defalcations will amount to; pray speak to Capt. Cock that all may be cleared.

I cannot find a person here who has instruments to survey Milbeck as you would have it, but can have the ground surveyed directly, and can take in the situation of the adjacent parts, with the woods, mountains, islands, and rivers. I am getting a pair of millstones to the mill, and intend to build up the old dovecot and other decayed houses, that a farmer may have encouragement to take it. I intend keeping it this year by way of stewardship, to see what can be made of it. I will attend you in a few days with all the writings. [*Ibid. No.* 82.]

March 10. Warrant confirming the payment from the Excise and new impost of the wages for 7¼ years past of the officers of Excise, amounting to 10,800*l.*, some doubt having arisen whether they should not have been paid from the Exchequer; also authorising the future payment from the Excise of 500*l.* a year to John Birch, auditor of Excise; 200*l.* a year to 3 clerks; and 500*l.* and 240*l.* a year to Elias Ashmole, comptroller. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 20.]

March 10. Warrant to pay to Sir Denis Gauden, Victualler of the Navy, 9*l.* surplus of his account for provisions sent to Dunkirk garrison in 1661, according to privy seal, and to pass his accounts, though their nature was not the same as that directed by privy seal. [*Ibid. No.* 21.]

March 10. Warrant to pay to Sir Denis Gauden 28,000*l.* for providing sea victuals for 5,000 seamen for 6 months, from 1 Jan. last. [*Ibid.*]

March 10. Order granting the petition of Sir Charles Cotterell, master of the ceremonies, that his son, Clement Cotterell, may have a grant of the reversion of the office, as the petitioner had when Sir Balthazar Gerbier was master, and that meanwhile he may have leave to travel, in order to fit himself for its better accomplishment. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 14.]

March 11. Rice Freeman, purser of the *Hampshire*, to the Navy Commissioners. It is more than 7 years since I was appointed purser of the *Bear*, and 4 years after that, purser of the *Hampshire;* in all this time no complaint has been exhibited against me, notwithstanding the many accidents the late war exposed me to, being forced to supply the ship, and the sick and wounded, with necessaries

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out of my own purse, which you will find by papers sent. If you cannot help me, pray state my case to his Royal Highness, that I may be paid my bills and extra necessary money, my ship being ordered for sea. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 257, *No.* 83.]

March 12. Wareham. Thos. Adamson to Rob. Francis. I delayed writing, expecting you would have been at Newmarket with my lord. The old gentlewoman is in a very dangerous condition, and time should not be delayed. Capt. Crane and Mr. Cambridge dined this day with me at Mrs. Moundeford's; he is on his way to Stoney-in-the-Fen with Mr. Blake. Pray observe my former letter, and see the old gentlewoman, by whom you will be kindly welcomed, and by the young one no less. Pray deliver the letters enclosed. [*Ibid. No.* 84.]

March 12. Sir Edm. Jennings to [Williamson]. A difference having arisen between a common brewer at Leeds and the officers of Excise, which had to be determined by the Mayor and aldermen, and they not satisfying the ends of the excisemen as they desired, complaint has been made to Council, and the Mayor and Alderman Lawson have been sent for, to answer for something said or done prejudicial to the King's service. As they are private persons, and strangers to the Lords of the Council, they conceive they may suffer under some undeserved character, by misrepresentations. I having been long acquainted with them, must represent them fairly as persons of unblemished loyalty, of right principles, and not a little instrumentally active towards his Majesty's restoration, which is well known to most of the country; if there is occasion, they may have the testimony of all the justices of the peace and gentlemen in the country. They wish to rectify the frequent insolences and abuses committed by Excise officers. Pray represent them fairly to Lord Arlington, that they may not be prejudiced at the Council table.

Endorsed is a note from Jonathan Jennings to Williamson. I take the convenience of my brother's letter to renew our French acquaintance, and to assure you that what he writes about the loyalty of the persons now impeached is true, and I could give particulars of their hazarding life and fortune for the restoration. [*Ibid. No.* 85.]

March 12. London. James Hickes to Williamson. [Thos.] Burrowes of Kinsale has sent 3 barrels of scollops as presents to you, to your clerks, and to me. I want letters to the Bristol postmaster to forward them. I am ill with a violent cold. [*Ibid. No.* 86.]

March 12. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. There are 10 or 12 ships in port, waiting for a fair wind to sail for Spain, Portugal, &c.; one vessel has arrived from Bilbao, laden with lemons and oranges. [*Ibid. No.* 87.]

March 12. Newcastle. Rich. Forster to Williamson. There have 30 ships arrived; the laden fleet sailed on Wednesday, but put back again by contrary winds. [*Ibid. No.* 88.]

March 13. Easton [Manduit]. Sir Henry Yelverton [Bart.] to Williamson. Thanks for the news. The country is dull, and so many seditious reports are spread, that a little true news comforts us and prevents mischief. I hope Lady

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Thomond will persuade you into these parts, and I shall take it a particular kindness if a man of so great employment as you are could allow me some share of your company. If my park is of any service, I shall be obliged by your commands. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 257, *No.* 89.]

[March 13.] Saturday. Newmarket. Sir Nich. Armorer to Williamson. There is some mistake in no horse coming for you. It is 4 a.m. and the King is going into his coach a-foxhunting. [*Ibid. No.* 90.]

March 13. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. The ship had sailed before your packet arrived; shall I bring it back when I wait upon you next week, or leave it at Deal? [*Ibid. No.* 91.]

March 13. Certificate by Rob. Mayors that the usual custom of making bolt reed in the river Thames is one ell, and one inch circumference. [*Ibid. No.* 92.]

March 13. Note of a remainder of 5,000*l.* still unpaid, on a nobleman's patent for 8,000*l.*, to be paid by 250*l.* a quarter, and of 1,300*l.* still unpaid on a privy seal of 3,000*l.* for money lent the King at Worcester; sent to Madame Greaves, Durham Yard. [*Ibid. No.* 92A.]

March 13. Whitehall. Sir John Trevor to Attorney-General Palmer. I desire you to consider how far the law will countenance the prohibition of the importation of corn, and to prepare a proclamation thereon for Council, the great quantities of grain now imported having occasioned a fall in the markets, to the great discouragement of husbandry. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 93.]

March 14. Prohibition to any person in Great Britain or Ireland, for 21 years, to epitomize or reprint a book on geography in 3 volumes folio, by Rich. Blome, of St. Clement Danes, Middlesex, illustrated with great variety of delightful and useful maps, schemes, and figures; or to copy or counterfeit any of the said maps or plates, without his approbation. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 155.]

March 14. Portsmouth Yard. Ben. Johnson to Williamson. I have been laid up with the gout, so could not write. The new *Nonsuch* is at Spithead, having had some alterations made to advance her sailing. The captain and officers are at London, about a difference between him and his lieutenant. The *Dragon* is fitting for the Mediterranean; the new ship goes on apace, care being taken for supplying the stores with timber. The *Fairfax* and *Advice* are in hand, and the dock is in good forwardness for 2 others. The yard has been paid the first quarter in arrear, and the men are now paid monthly. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 257, *No.* 93.]

March 14. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Nonsuch* has set her new masts, the former proving too slender, which Sir L. von Hemserat makes his plea for not performing his promise to his Majesty, of her sailing 3 feet for 2 to any other of his ships. [*Ibid. No.* 94.]

March 15. Milford. John Powell to Williamson. A vessel has arrived at Tenby from St. Martin's in France, and reports that the French King is very

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rigid to the Protestants, and has summoned them to depart in a certain time, on pain of imprisonment and confiscation, and that he is putting the summons into execution. Other vessels have come in from places named. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 257, *No.* 95.]

March 15. Same to Hickes. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 96.]

March 15. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Williamson. Several ships have been forced back by contrary winds. The *Morning Star* has come in, and reports that she was met off Cadiz by an Algiers man-of-war of 30 guns, well manned, who came on board and demanded a Moorish boy that they had; having found him, they carried him to their own ship, and by beating him upon the soles of his feet, and other torments, made him confess to much money on board the *Star*, which they came and took, amounting to 8,000*l.* or 10,000*l.* The captain told them that they had broken the articles, and that he would go to Algiers or Lisbon to report it; so they prevented him by keeping him company 8 or 10 days, to watch him until he was sufficiently out of his way. They carried the Moor away with them. [1¾ *pages. Ibid. No.* 97.] *Annexing,*

> *Particulars of the boarding of the* Morning Star, *freighted by the East India Company for the East Indies, by the* Golden Rose, *a Turkish man-of-war, who came on board under pretence of searching for Spanish passengers and goods; finding none, they took the master's and boatswain's boys aboard their own vessel, and drubbed one of them on his feet till they made him confess what they would have of him; and having opened the company's letters, and perused their bill of lading, &c., they came again on board, and by force and violence took away* 2,571 *ounces of gold and* 2 *chests of silver, in ryals of eight, containing* 8,000 *pieces in Spanish coin, and afterwards prevented the captain from putting in either at Tangier or Cadiz, so that he might not send intelligence to England, threatening to carry him a prisoner to Algiers if he did not go on his voyage; thus they made him sail beyond the Canaries, and there they left him.* [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 97I.]

March 15. Thos. Holden to Hickes. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 98.]

March 15. Pendennis. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. Several ships are in port waiting wind and weather; upwards of 20 put out, but many were forced back. The *Morning Star* has come in with many misfortunes; having spent her mast at the Lizard, she was forced into Plymouth, and losing it again, put into Cadiz, after which she was met by a Turkish man-of-war, who dealt very severely with them. I leave the relation to Capt. Godolphin, who sent an express away 2 or 3 days since. [*Ibid. No.* 99.]

March 15. Wareham. Thos. Adamson to [Francis]. I beg to assure you to the contrary of what you write, and account myself happier in the enjoyment of your acquaintance than of any other person I have met for many years. I wish you could come here this week, or you will scarcely

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see the old lady alive; and as she desires to see you, I hope you will not fail of coming. The assizes will be held on the 22nd, and I would gladly see you before then. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 257, *No.* 100.]

March 15. Monday. Vere Williamson to Mrs. Ferguson, Clerkenwell, near the Duke of Newcastle's. Thanks for your visit. Particulars of the illness of your servant, my son. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 100A. *See Calendar* 1667–8, *p.* 549.]

March 15. Chester. Ma. Anderton to Williamson. Sir Edw. Massey has arrived from London, and is on his way to Holyhead for Dublin. The *Trial* of Chester from Bilbao is kept in port by easterly winds. [*Ibid. No.* 101.]

March 15. Yarmouth. Rich. Bower to Williamson. There have 40 vessels set sail for London, and 2 fleets of light and laden colliers have passed through the road. A ketch of this town, laden with herrings and lead, has been lost off Majorca in the Straits. [*Ibid. No.* 102.]

March 15. Yarmouth. Nich. Wood to Williamson. I send an account of our proceedings for the week. We are informed that the merchants will be at home within 2 months, when things will mend. Those that venture, if they get a little, go their way with it. [*Ibid. No.* 103.]

March 15. Woolwich. Wm. Bodham to the Navy Commissioners. Has received 6 lasts of good Stockholm tar from John Stacy, and sends the bill. Wants 6 lasts more to tar the yarn spun, and wishes it suddenly, for fear the lower part of the pile should be damnified by the moisture of the floor. [*Ibid. No.* 104.]

March 16. Kinsale. Capt. Rob. Hooper, of the *Harp*, to the Navy Commissioners. I am sorry the men under my command make so many petitions about the unableness of the frigate for service, none of which I know anything about. I have acquainted you that she wanted some repairs, which if done here, I shall be able to come to England if you command it. [*Ibid. No.* 105.] *Annexed,*

> *Shorthand notes of information with reference to the condition of the ship, between July and Nov.* 1668. [*Ibid. No.* 105I.]

March 16. Woolwich. Edw. Byland to Col. Thos. Middleton. Repairs of ships named. Fears it will be long before the provisions demanded are received. Begs he will be mindful of them, and send a supply of calkers and bricklayers. [*Ibid. No.* 106.] *Encloses,*

> *Note by the same to the same. Will draw up particulars about making the* Royal James *into a hulk, and with the assistance of Mr. Shish, value the charge.* [*Ibid. No.* 106I.]

March 16. Reference commending to the Treasury Commissioners the petition of Mary Blague, for his Majesty's fourth part of a discovery of lands made by ——— Sharpe, the King retaining a gracious sense of the merit and service of her late husband and of the straits in which she was left by his death. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 18, *p.* 306.]

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March 16. Paris. Sir Thos. Bond to [Williamson]. I would have assisted [John] Swaddell had his stay here been longer. I shall take it as a great favour when you lay your commands upon me. I send 2 letters received for Swaddell after he had left. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 257, *No.* 107.]

March 16. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. Two small vessels have arrived from France, laden with corn. The fleet detained here by contrary winds sailed yesterday. [*Ibid. No.* 108.]

March 17. Brickhill. H. Aldrich to his brother, Rob. Francis. We are here baiting our horses. Your sister is weary but well; we hope to be at Coventry to-morrow. Mr. Younger uses us very civilly; pray thank him for it. Send this enclosure to Mr. Cooke. [*Ibid. No.* 109.]

March 17. Lincoln. William, Bishop of Lincoln, to Williamson. I have been prevented by gout from doing my duty, or discoursing with or writing to you. I hope you will continue me in your thoughts, and remember me to Lord Arlington. I am now going to try how my legs will bear me. [*Ibid. No.* 110.]

March 17. Coventry. Ralph Hope to Williamson. The assizes began on Monday, when 2 of those that robbed Johnson the carrier, near Coleshill, were sentenced to be hanged. They are brothers, and called Berkenhead, and were taken in Oxfordshire upon another robbery. One was to have been hanged at Oxford last assizes, where the other would have run the same fate, but going upon bail, he did not appear. Two others condemned at Warwick, by the names of Herne and Sekerson, were brought from Oxford at the procurement of the county of Warwick, to be tried at Warwick, in hopes to prevent Johnson from recovering his losses of the country; they are condemned, but it is thought Herne will have a reprieve.

A woman was indicted for biting off a man's finger, of which he died, but she got off. The assizes were held this day at Coventry, but we are so wonderfully inclined to honesty and quietness, that not one malefactor was brought before the judges, and only 2 causes.

The Nonconformists continue to preach helter-skelter at the Leather Hall where twice on every Sunday, they have a great confluence, to the depopulating of the churches. As the judges were sitting in the Hall at Warwick, the eldest son of Mr. Spooner of Hanwood Hall, a youth of 17, wishing to get a better view, climbed up to, and then fell from, one of the windows at the Crown bar, where Judge Broome was sitting, upon a spear or javelin which one of the sheriff's men had in his hand, which running into him somewhat above the navel, stuck in his backbone, so that he died immediately.

There has been a great noise for several days of a strange sound heard in a well belonging to one Nibbs, at Hill-Wotton near Warwick, the owner of which, as well as other persons, informed me that it was also heard in 1642, and continued for 14 days, and that it was also heard again on his Majesty's return. The noise is stated to be like the beating of drums in a march or call. [*Ibid. No.* 111.]

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March 17. Treasury Chambers. Sir George Downing to Sam. Pepys. Sir Andrew Riccard, and some others of the East India Company, have again attended the Treasury Commissioners, about the business of the *Leopard,* not yet acquiescing to give full satisfaction for her, alleging that their order for her going to Cosheen [Cochin ?] was only concurrent to that of Lord Marlborough; also that his Majesty had remitted to the Dutch, by the late treaty, their pretence of satisfaction for hindering her in taking in her lading; the Commissioners have appointed to hear the business again on Monday, and desire you to be there with the papers. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 257, *No.* 112.]

March 17. Victualling Office. Sir Denis Gauden to the Navy Commissioners. I send you an account of the issue, since January, upon this year's declaration for 5,000 men for 6 months; the remains of victuals in this port will be very inconsiderable, when I have answered the warrants already sent. Pray move his Royal Highness for a further declaration for the port of London, or to take off part from Portsmouth to add to this place. [*Ibid. No.* 113.] *Encloses,*

> *Account of sea victuals issued and to be delivered to ships named, according to warrants since Jan.* 1669; *with abstract of the remains in ports mentioned.*—16 *March* 1669. [3 *pages. Ibid. No.* 113i.]

March 17. Woolwich. Wm. Acworth to the Navy Commissioners. I have not received one freight of timber from Aliceholt Forest since Michaelmas, but have received 182 loads or 4 freights from Whittlewood; it was transported from Birkhead and Hedworth by Chris. Andrews' barges. [*Ibid. No.* 114.]

March 18. Sir John Mennes to the Navy Commissioners. I am not insensible how much it stands with the honour of the Board to give the Commissioners of Accounts exact accounts of what they expect from us, as also how necessary it is that each member should do his utmost therein. I observe that you have branched out the same to each officer, and that my tax is as to the state of the stores in each yard, and elsewhere, on 2 Sept. 1664, what has been received since, and how it has been employed; to each of these I give my answers. [4 *pages. Ibid. No.* 115.] *Encloses,*

> *Account, by Sir John Mennes, of timber converted in forests named, and sent into the yards at Deptford and Woolwich, between* 1663 *and* 1668. [*Ibid. No.* 115i.]

March 18. Woolwich. Edw. Byland to Pepys. Pray commiserate the condition of the anchor smith here, by ordering him some money, whereby he may be able to perform the duties of the place with cheerfulness; he is very much cast down, having a multiplicity of work in fitting ships, and not wherewithal to procure goods, or payment for his men. [*Ibid. No.* 116.]

March 18. Edw. Silvester to the Navy Commissioners. I beg an order to the Treasurers for payment of my bill for 98*l.* for mending anchors by contract at Portsmouth. I have other bills unpaid, but only crave this one. [*Ibid. No.* 117.]

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March 18. Jersey. R. Manley to [Rob. Francis]. Your kind letter would expiate any crime; write when you can. I shall come to see you and my dear brother, when the Governor returns in April, and bring my wife to put our eldest girl to school. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 257, *No.* 118.]

March 18. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Nonsuch* remains at Spithead, waiting sailing orders; the *Dragon* is to be fitted out for the summer expedition. [*Ibid. No.* 119.]

March 18. Wareham. Thos. Adamson to [Francis]. The old gentlewoman, my dear friend, lies drawing on to her long-expected home, and I think she cannot continue 24 hours more. The young lady is much grieved to see her mother lie in such a condition; if you have begun your journey, you may see her alive, but I despair of it if you have not. [*Ibid. No.* 120.]

March 18. Sir Wm. Smith to Sir Alex. Frazer. I send my tenant's petition, and desire you to speak to Lord Arlington to get his Majesty's warrant for a pardon. He might be fined 10*l.* or 20*l.* for the crime, while the pardon will cost near 50*l.* to pass under the Great Seal, but it will restore his credit, and show his adversary that he has friends. Pray get it done before the term, and I will attend Mr. Williamson to satisfy the charges. He has been my tenant many years, and always dealt justly by me, which makes me the more willing to do what I can for him. [*Ibid. No.* 121.]

March 18. Exeter House. Lord Ashley to Lord Arlington. I send the draft of a privy seal, which has been drawn according to an agreement made between the Treasury Commissioners and Lady Dysart, but the warrant for passing it is more proper to be presented to his Majesty by one of the principal Secretaries. [*Ibid. No.* 122.]

March 18. Petition of Thos. Warren, merchant of London, to the King. By a contract with the late Emperor of Morocco, I was engaged to return him 700 barrels of powder, one half at 12 months, and the other at 2 years; but through the Dutch war and other detentions, the powder was not sent until October last, since which the Emperor has deceased, and his son has been cut off by the King of Tafilet. The powder is gone, with instructions by me to my factors, that in case Tafilet will pay the debts of the late Emperor due to me, and deliver up such English as I left there, they are to deliver him the powder, and all such subjects of his as were here; but if that is denied, they are to treat with him *de novo* for the sale of the powder, and also of the Moors, and for the redemption of the English there; and that failing, they are to sell the powder elsewhere.

Having learned that Lord Henry Howard is going out as Ambassador to the King of Tafilet, *alias* Moule-Errshed, and that it is moved that I should attend him, I am willing so to do; and it being uncertain what has been effected in relation to the powder, I desire on bond the loan for 12 months of 25 tons of saltpetre from the Ordnance Commissioners, at the price they have given to others, so that I may carry it with me, to prevent anything happening about the said powder to prejudice the designs intended by his Majesty to be effected by his Ambassador.

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With order thereon that his Majesty is pleased to gratify the petitioner's request for the saltpetre, and that in consideration of future services expected from him, the Ordnance Commissioners are to allow him time for the delivery of 25 tons of saltpetre into the stores in lieu of it; but they are nevertheless to take good and sufficient security. [2½ *pages.* *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 257, *No.* 123.]

March 19. Treasury Chambers, Whitehall. Sir Geo. Downing to Wm. Wardour. The Treasury Commissioners desire you will certify them on Monday, what money the Earl of Bath has received out of the Exchequer, towards the fortifications of Plymouth, and upon what privy seals. [*Ibid. No.* 124.]

March 19. Treasury Chambers. Same to Wm. Wardour. The Commissioners desire an account on Wednesday of money paid into the Exchequer, on the additional aid and the 11 months' tax. [*Ibid. No.* 125.]

March 19. Bridekirk. Geo. Williamson to Williamson. I beg you to serve my friend and neighbour, Capt. Wilkes, who has sent his daughter by Robert Bowes of Cockermouth, to be touched for the evil, and procure her quick despatch. Mr. Bowes is famous for justifying the laws and statutes of the Excise, and is a pillar of the noble borough; so I doubt not but he will have a reception accordingly. [*Ibid. No.* 126.]

March 19. Newcastle. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The laden fleet is still detained by the winds; 2 or 3 vessels have come in. [*Ibid. No.* 127.]

March 19. Hull. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. Three vessels have sailed for Rotterdam, with lead, cloth, and rape seed, and several others for London, the greater part being laden with grain. [*Ibid. No.* 128.]

March 19. Plymouth. E. Andros to Williamson. The *Roe* ketch, sent with the *Portland* frigate to attend the Prince of Tuscany, has arrived, and reports that the Prince embarked from the Groyne on board the *Portland* on the 9th instant; but the ketch breaking her topsail-yard, she lost sight of them, and supposes he will put into some port of Cornwall; if so, I shall take post and wait upon him. [2 *pages.* *Ibid. No.* 129.]

March 19? John Clarke to Williamson. One of his Majesty's ketches has arrived, bringing news that the Prince of Tuscany came out of the Groyne with her on the 9th instant in the *Portland*, but that she lost the *Portland* the next night. [*Ibid. No.* 129A.]

March 19. Caveat in favour of Joseph Williamson, that nothing pass of the estate of one Darcy, deceased without heirs. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 32, *p.* 3.]

March 20. Victualling Office. Sir Denis Gauden to the Navy Commissioners. I send a survey as to the leakage of beer in the *Swallow* ketch; for reasons stated, I judge I am not concerned therein. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 257, *No.* 130.]

March 20. John Fenn to Lord Brouncker. I will pay the merchants the sums assigned upon the Customs, out of some remains promised me, if you will send them to me. The list is about 2,000*l.*, which you said you might reduce, there being a bill of imprest of 500*l.* to your own officers. Pray make it as little as possible. [*Ibid. No.* 131.]

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March 20. Report of Sir And. Riccard, Governor, and the Company of Levant Merchants, to the King, that on taking the votes of the company, they decide for a proviso to be inserted into their charter, that all residents within 20 miles of London should take the freedom of the city, before enjoying the benefit of the said charter. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 257, *No.* 132.]

March ? Anne Cole to Lord [Arlington ?] I am in great distress by the death of Sir Ant. des Marces, for whose sake I contracted debts, which by his death being unpaid, I had to sell my plate, &c., and my very bed to pay them, and still cannot settle all. I pray for some part of the reward which your lordship was intending for Des Marces. [*Ibid. No.* 133.]

March 20. Warrant for a grant to Joseph Williamson and Luke Wilkes, of the estate of Sir Ant. des Marces, an alien, forfeited by his death. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 120.]

March 20. Warrant to the Lieutenant of the Tower for discharge of Sir William Coventry and Henry Saville. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

March 20. Commission to George, Duke of Albemarle, Anthony, Lord Ashley, Sir Thomas Clifford, and Sir John Duncombe to be Commissioners to execute the office of Treasurer of the Exchequer, on revocation of a former commission to the same and to Sir Wm. Coventry. [*Ibid.*]

March [20.] Docquet of the above. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 28.]

March 20. Bristol. Ja. Baskerville to Williamson. The *Samuel and Mary* has arrived from Lisbon, with sugars and oils, and a ketch from Bordeaux with French wines. Part of the Virginia fleet, and several other ships, are detained in the Channel by contrary winds. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 257, *No.* 134.]

March 20. Sir Wm. Neale to Williamson. I hear from Col. Molesworth that my letter came to your hand, and was answered, but I never received yours. I find the Colonel is very ill, and therefore I beg your advice how to act in this business; I will be entirely directed by you. My address will be The Llay, near Wrexham. [*Ibid. No.* 135.]

March 20. Ant. Thorold to Hickes. The *Concord* has arrived from Rotterdam with wheat and rye, and reports of but little preparation for any fleet this spring, beyond some ships fitting up as convoys for the Straits. There is great fear of the death of the King of Spain, and of the French King coming to that Crown. [*Ibid. No.* 136.]

March 20. Lyme Regis. Giles Ivy to Williamson. Thanks for your letter. Judge [John] Archer was very kind in carrying on my trial, and did as much as he could, whereby I was acquitted, but must sue out my pardon again the next assizes; Judge Archer has promised to draw out a certificate to his Majesty on his return.

The Farmers of Customs having removed me to Lyme Regis to be their collector, I have put a deputy in the Post Office at Dartmouth, for whom I will be responsible to Lord Arlington, and will see the moneys properly remitted. I hope his lordship will not be offended about it. [*Ibid. No.* 137.]

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March 20. Deal. Rich. Watts to Williamson. There are 2 Straits ships and some East Indiamen in the Downs. I intend for London to-morrow, but the letters may be sent as usual during my absence, and shall be sent on board. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 257, *No.* 138.]

March 20. Weymouth. John Pocock to Hickes. The *Providence* has arrived from Lisbon with oils, and reports that Sir Thos. Allin renewed the peace with Algiers, and concluded it with Sally, so that 3 English ships that were there, laden with sugar on the Portuguese account, have proceeded on their voyage. [*Ibid. No.* 139.]

March 20. Coventry. Ralph Hope to Williamson. The corpse of the Duchess of Dudley was interred to-day at Stoneleigh. She was met by many coaches, and the chief of the city, and the ceremony was performed with great solemnity; after which several coaches, and a great company on horseback, attended Lady Leveston, her daughter, to Coventry, where she intends staying until Tuesday. By direction of the Duchess' will, 50*l.* was given to the poor of Stoneleigh, 50*l.* to Kenilworth, 5*l.* to every place where the corpse lodged on the road, and 6*d.* to every poor person that begged of them during their journey down.

Sekerston was hanged at Warwick yesterday, but Herne is reprieved. He formerly belonged to Lord Frescheville's troop, and was quartered in this town. He has impeached several others, and amongst the rest a goldsmith in London, who used to receive their plate; this, with the intercession of the ladies, was the means to get his reprieve. [*Ibid. No.* 140.]

March 21. Whitehall. Petition of Math. Sharpe and Abr. Hosmer, of Tunbridge, Kent, to the King. John Sharpe, only son of Math. Sharpe, and son-in-law of Abr. Hosmer, was convicted at Maidstone assizes for murder of George Whitfield, but is innocent, Whitfield having been killed by Wm. Browne discharging a pistol in Ashdowne's house at Tunbridge, where Browne went in to wash wounds he had before received from the deceased; John Sharpe having been desired to attend Browne home to his father's house, with a lantern and candle, was by that occasion accidentally standing by, and Browne escaping, the said John Sharpe and the petitioner Hosmer, were thereupon apprehended, tried, and convicted. The justices of the peace, commiserating the hardness of the case, moved Justice Morton therein, who granted a reprieve for 7 days, which expires on Friday next. They beg a further reprieve for John Sharpe, pending the report.

With reference thereon to Justice [Sir Wm.] Morton, and his report that, although he cannot admit the suggestions of the petition as alleged, yet his Majesty, being the fountain of mercy, may reprieve Sharpe till the next assizes, within which time he hopes that Browne, who shot Whitfield and killed him, may be apprehended and brought to justice.—22 March 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 141.] *Annexing,*

Certificate signed by Viscount Strangford, Sir Roger Twysden, and 21 other justices of the peace for Kent, that John Sharpe, convicted at the assizes for murder of George Whitfield, is a very proper object for his Majesty's mercy.—19 *March, Maidstone.* [*Ibid. No.* 141I.]

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March 21. Newcastle. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Departure of the laden fleet; no ships have come in. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 257, *No.* 142.]

March 21. Wareham. Thos. Adamson to Rob. Francis. The good old gentlewoman departed this life this morning like a Christian. I am assured she had great kindness for you, and I hope your early presence will console the young lady, who much feels her mother's death, Pray obtain leave for 5 days. We shall bury her to-morrow. [*Ibid. No* 143.]

March 21. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Nonsuch* is riding at Spithead, waiting for her commander from London. [*Ibid. No.* 144.]

March 21. Justice Sir Wm. Morton to Williamson. Pray insert the name of Claude Devall, and 16 others, as notorious highwaymen and robbers, in the next *Gazette*; I know them to be guilty of several offences, but those in the last paragraph are not to be exposed till next Thursday, as I have emissaries out to take them. [*Ibid. No.* 145.]

March 21. Warrant for payment of a debt of 4,800*l.* to Elizabeth, Countess of Dysart, from the customs of tonnage and poundage in August and Sept. 1670 and Sept. 1671. [*Ibid. No.* 146.]

March 21. Entry of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 122.]

March [21]. Docquet of the above. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 28.]

March 21. James Hickes to Williamson. When you deliver my petition to Lord Arlington for presentation to the King, speak to him on my behalf. Had I enlarged on my services, as I justly might have done, it would have been a volume too big; but no man living has done so much, or deserved more, as was manifested in the great visitation. Whatever be the issue of the petition, I shall abide by your will in all things. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 257, *No.* 147.]

March 22. Treasury Chambers. Sir George Downing to Pepys. You are to give the Treasury Commissioners satisfaction on Friday, how it comes to pass that 1,250*l.* is set down in Sir Denis Gauden's account for provision for sick and wounded on board the fleet, when his Royal Highness was there in person, whereas care was taken of them by the Commissioners for sick and wounded. [*Ibid. No.* 148.]

March 22. Pass for Lord Cavendish to France or Holland, on his private business. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 121.]

March 22. Warrant for reprieve of John Sharpe, convicted of the murder of George Whitfield at Maidstone Assizes, Judge Morton certifying him to be a fit object of mercy. [*Ibid.*]

March 22. Warrant for a grant to Sir John Knyvet, Bart., of the estate of — Honeywood, forfeited by his attainder. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 257, *No.* 149.]

March 22. Minute of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 121.]

March 22. Reference to the Treasury Commissioners of the petition of Chris. Hildyard of York, for a patent for the stewardship of St. Mary's, York. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 14.]

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March 22. Reference to the Treasury Commissioners of the petition of Sir Rich. Ottley, for a grant of such treasure trove as he shall discover; with proviso that it be without undue molestation of the King's subjects. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 14.]

March 22. List of 21 Lent preachers, from 5 Feb. to Easter Day, 22 March 1669. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 257, *No.* 150.]

March 22. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. No news, all being still and quiet. [*Ibid. No.* 151.]

March 22. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Hickes. Several ships came in from Yarmouth and other places, bound for France, and have put to sea again. It is reported that Sir Thos. Allin has been poisoned in the Straits. [*Ibid. No.* 152.]

March 22. Pendennis. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. The ships that were in harbour have gone out, and some 30 or 40 sail have come in. [*Ibid. No.* 153.]

March 22. Yarmouth. Rich. Bower to Williamson. A great fleet of 400 or 500 laden colliers has passed through the road from Sunderland and Newcastle. The new meeting-place being found too little to contain the people that flock thither, they are erecting 3 fair galleries; their minister is Mr. Barker, late minister of Aye [Eye?]. [*Ibid. No.* 154.]

March 22. Wm. Wardour to [Williamson]. I find by the records in my office, that two sums of 300*l.* and 336*l.* 19*s.* have been paid to the Earl of Bath, by privy seal, for the fortifications at Plymouth; but what is registered in Sir Rob. Long's office to be paid does not appear to me. [*Ibid. No.* 155.]

March 22. Memorandum that John Cole of Sutton, Isle of Ely, was one of Cromwell's captains, and a justice of the peace; and that John Herne of Godmanchester, co. Hunts, is a justice of the peace and a councillor, to whom the letter was shown. With note by Williamson that they be sent for to attend the Board. [*Ibid. No.* 156.]

March 23. Statement of the case in the question between the members of the Temple and the Lord Mayor, relative to the claim of the former to be exempted from the jurisdiction of the City; being the "defence of the gentlemen Templars" as to the antiquity and validity of their claim. [3½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 157.]

[March 23.] Notes [by Williamson] thereon. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 158.]

March 23. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. The *Portland* frigate has arrived with the Prince of Tuscany, who was received, on landing, with all the respect imaginable, bells ringing, guns firing, &c. [*Ibid. No.* 159.]

March 23. Plymouth. E. Andros to Williamson. The Prince of Tuscany has arrived; meeting with easterly winds after he left the Groyne, he put in at Kinsale, where he landed, and lay there 2 nights, and one night at Scilly. At his landing here, Sir John Skelton met and welcomed him, and the garrison made a guard from the water side to his lodgings at a merchant's house. He has about 30 in his train, has been about the town of Plymouth, and is much pleased with his voyage. He was going on the water to see the harbour, but a sudden gust, with great flakes of snow, caused him to re-land. He speaks of riding 8 or 9 miles to see some tin mines, and what is about the town. I believe he will leave on Friday, and stay in some good towns as he goes along, making easy journeys. He has sent most of his baggage by the *Roe* ketch to London; the rest is carried upon 7 horses hired from Plymouth. He has 5 persons of quality with him, and I am also with him in the nature of an attendant. [2 *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 257, *No.* 160.]

March 23. Queen's College, Oxford. Tim. Halton to Williamson. Dr. Yerbury fearing that the President has done him an unkindness, in misrepresenting to Lord Arlington or you what took place at the late reference at Farnham, about the *mandamus* procured for Chambers, I desire you would send word what you think of this business. Did you receive my letter about my debtor at Dantzic? [*Ibid. No.* 161.]

March 23. Petition of Sir Rob. Holmes, Governor of the Isle of Wight, to the King. In pursuance of your commands, I have examined the condition of the castles and forts here, and find your house at Carisbrooke Castle, and the castles at Cowes and Yarmouth, totally out of repair; Carisbrooke has no officer there but myself, and only 7 men, 5 of whom are sixpenny pays and 2 eightpenny; at the 2 latter castles are 4 men each, 3 being sixpenny and one eightpenny pay, but neither have any officer, without which I cannot answer for the security of so considerable a frontier. I beg order for the speedy repair of the castles and forts, and for an officer, with a suitable number of men, to be appointed to each of them. [*Ibid. No.* 162.] *Annexing,*

> *Summary of necessaries required for the purposes mentioned. I request an allowance of* 20*s. a day towards the maintenance of* 4 *lieutenants and* 4 *gunners at the castles and forts; the command of an independent company for better security of the forts; also my own maintenance, having nothing for the support of my government but what I have purchased with my own money; also an order to the Treasury Commissioners for* 1,000*l. towards the repairs, which money shall be advanced until they can raise it.* [*Ibid. No.* 162i.]

March 23. Deal. Sir W. Godolphin to Williamson. I have just arrived here, and as I know not how long I shall contemplate the sea on land, the wind being S.E., I hope you will overtake me with any fresh commands, and put me once more at Lord Arlington's feet, before I embark. Mr. Lodge has obeyed the recommendation, and is a civil person. [*Ibid. No.* 163.]

[March 23.] Names and addresses of 4 persons connected with the robbery of the Northern mail. [*Ibid. No.* 164.]

March 23. Rich. Coling to Williamson. M. le Fevre being dead, and he having had a grant of the reversion of the place of Apothecary to the Household, which is in the gift of the Lord Chamberlain, he

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desires that no warrant may pass for it, until he has received notice. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 257, *No.* 165.]

March 23. Court at Whitehall. Warrant to Lord Chamberlain Manchester, to admit Christian Harrell as operator in chemistry and apothecary in ordinary, in place of Nicasius le Fevre, with all rights, &c., thereto belonging. [*Ibid. No.* 166.]

March 23. Commission to Henry Collyer to be lieutenant to Capt. Thos. Stradling's company of foot, in Col. John Russell's regiment of guards. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 29, *p.* 31.]

March 24. Whitehall. Warrant for a grant to Thos. Williams, M.D., and Rich. Hewet, of the office of examiners and registrars to the Commissioners of Bankrupts in the city and suburbs of London, John Bolles and two others appointed thereto by the late King being deceased. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 94.]

March 24. The King to the Master and senior Fellows of Christ's College, Cambridge. We were greatly offended by your choosing another into a fellowship in spite of our mandate for Chas. Fanshaw, but we passed it by, as there was some little pretence for your non-compliance. We repeat our former directions for Fanshaw to be chosen to the next fellowship, notwithstanding any mandate or letter, custom or statute, to the contrary. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 19, *p.* 101.]

March 24. Warrant to the surveyor and officers of works, &c., to make an additional allowance of 300*l.* a year to Hugh May, comptroller of the Works, as a mark of the King's gracious acceptance of his services. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *p.* 122.]

[March 24.] Draft of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 257, *No.* 167.]

March 24. The King to the University of Cambridge. We recommend Chris. Barker to the first vacant beadle's place in the University, on account of his own and his son's services and sufferings. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, *f.* 19.]

March 24. The King to the Treasury Commissioners. We remitted the custom on 30 tuns of wine, half French, half Spanish, imported by order of Condé de Molina, Spanish Ambassador; we hear that you have stopped the intended grant, as contrary to a late order of Council, against allowance of wine custom-free to public Ministers; but desiring particularly to gratify the said Condé, we order you to sign a docquet for delivery of the said wines. [*Ibid. f.* 20.]

March 24. Examination of Elizabeth, wife of Thos. Heath, of Brewers' yard, Westminster. Eleven months ago, Dan. de la Fabvollière rejoiced over the victory of the King of France. I told him the King of England was the true King of France, and the other his deputy. He replied that the King of France took up his rents for him and had money enough, and that our King sold him Dunkirk, and if he would sell him more, would let him have more money. Also,

Examination of Thos. Heath. De la Fabvollière said that the English had no law but the devil; that he came over merely for money; that the King needed him more than he the King, and that he would go back if he could get the money the King owes him. Also,

Examination of Isabella, wife of Peter Griffin. On my refusal to lodge De la Fabvollière's whore, he abused the English, and said his countrymen would come and cut their throats. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 257, *No.* 168.]

March 24. Woolwich. Edw. Byland to Pepys. Pray consider the works on ships suggested, and a supply of bricklayers and calkers. I have but 10 calkers, and they are so refractory that I am forced to be rugged with them. Former demands will give account of our present necessities. [*Ibid. No.* 169.]

March [24 ?] Capt. John Fortiscue to Thos. Hayter. Asks for 2 blank tickets. [*Ibid No.* 170.]

March [24 ?] James Mathews to Pepys. Estimate of the charge of building a brick wall, on the south side of Brick Close adjoining Deptford Yard, at 4*l.* 4*s.* 11*d.* per rod, to be 2 bricks thick, and 10 feet high; total, 106*l.* 2*s.* 11*d.* With note by Jonas Shish. Mathews has given as near an estimate as possible. I will finish the draft of the ship with all speed; we are in great want of plank for carrying on the new work, without which some of the shipwrights must be discharged. [*Ibid. No.* 171.]

March 24. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect as his letter to Hickes of the 22nd. [*Ibid. No.* 172.]

March 24. Milford. John Powell to Hickes. Has no news of any kind. [*Ibid. No.* 173.]

March 24. [Wm. Wardour] to [Sir G. Downing]. I made search among the records in my office, and find that 1,133,003*l.* 0*s.* 10*d.* has been paid into the receipt of the Exchequer upon the Additional Aid, to 19 March 1669, and 92,289*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.* on the first month of the Eleven Months Tax; and for the last 10 months of the said tax, 631,640*l.* 11*s.* 2½*d.* [*Ibid. No.* 174.]

March 24. Treasury Chambers, Whitehall. Sir Geo. Downing to Wm. Wardour. You only mention the gross amount paid in on the Additional Aid and Eleven Months Tax. The Treasury Commissioners expect a particular account how much has been paid in for each county and place, which they desire to be got ready in a week. [*Ibid. No.* 175.]

March 25. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. No news of any kind; all things still and quiet. [*Ibid. No.* 176.]

March 25. A. Ellis to Williamson. Pray write to Mr. Moulin, at Paris, to send all edicts, ordinances, &c., that may be had there, for the government of the posts of France; also the rates taken for letters from Paris to every considerable town in France. [*Ibid. No.* 177.]

March 25. Grant to Nat. Ludlow and Edw. Boswell of the manor of Husborne Tarrant and other lands in co. Hants, escheated by the death of Edm. Ludlow without heirs, reserving a rent of 3*l.*, being part of 6*l.* formerly payable for the same. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 22.]

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March 25. Dispensation for John Arnold, High Sheriff of Monmouthshire, to remain in London or elsewhere whither business calls him. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 95.]

March 25. Warrant to the Sheriff [of co. Worcester] to suspend the sentence of Rich. Colston, of Worcester, should he be convicted of a rape. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 122.]

March 25. Warrant for reprieve of Edw. Phillips, convicted of felony, till further information. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

March 25. Warrant to pay, from the privy seal dormant of 10,000*l.*, 130*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.* to the soldiers and inhabitants of Dover, being the moiety of a month's pay due to the 2 foot companies in Dover Castle, under command of Sir Fras. Vincent. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 26, *f.* 54.]

March 25.
Whitehall. Petition of John Neile, D.D., chaplain in ordinary, to the King, for a warrant to the Archbishop of Canterbury for a dispensation to hold 2 benefices together, although they be a little above 30 miles distant. Is possessed of the rectory of Beeford, *alias* Biford, co. York, and is about to be presented by the Dean and Chapter of York to the vicarage of Northallerton, in the same county and diocese.

With reference thereon to the Bishop of Hereford, Dean of the Chapel Royal, and his report. The petitioner having been chaplain in ordinary to his Majesty several years, making long and chargeable journeys for his attendance, and having never received any particular favour, and being also a person of exemplary piety and merit, I conceive him fit to receive the desired dispensation, especially as the distance between the 2 livings mentioned in the petition is but 6 or 7 miles above the ordinary course of dispensation. [*Ibid. Nos.* 178, 179.]

March 25. Entry of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 15.]

March 25.
Whitehall. Petition of John Alleyn to the King. Edw. Alleyn, by patent of 17 James, founded Dulwich college as a lay foundation, to consist of a master and warden, 4 fellows, 6 poor brethren, 6 poor sisters, and 12 poor scholars. His Majesty, by the same patent, gave the founder power to make statutes for its government, which should not be repugnant to his prerogative, nor to the laws and statutes of England. One of the statutes is that the master and warden shall for ever be of the blood and surname of the founder, if any such can be found; but single persons and unmarried. That notwithstanding, the said Edw. Alleyn, by his deed of foundation, invested the first master and warden, both being married men, my father being one of them, and he continued in it until his death, being upwards of 20 years. I am the next of kin to the founder, but am married.

Being at Oxford in the time of the rebellion, his late Majesty, for my loyalty, granted me a dispensation and *mandamus* to receive the mastership, on resignation of Thos. Alleyn, the successor of my father, who was then desirous to resign in my

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favour; but the rebellious power then prevailing, I could not enjoy the benefit thereof. The said Thos. Alleyn being now dead, the place has become void, and the next of kin to the founder of his blood and surname is to enjoy the same, if single. I beg a dispenpensation for the wardenship of Dulwich College, and a *mandamus* for admission into the same, though married.

With reference thereon to the Bishop of Hereford, and his report that his Majesty has full power to dispense with the circumstance of marriage, which does not appear to be contrary to the intention of the founder, as he placed a married man there after the statutes were confirmed; the petitioner being in all other respects capable, and in some degree meriting his Majesty's favour, is a fit person to receive it. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 257, *Nos.* 180, 181. *See p.* 263, *infra.*]

March 25. Entry of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 15.]

March 25. Victualling Office. Thos. Lewis to Pepys. The ships inquired after, that are to go with victuals to Sir Thos. Allin's fleet, have been despatched hence since the 6th instant, yet were stopped at Gravesend by the Customs' officers, notwithstanding they had Sir Denis Gauden's certificate for their lading, but were afterwards cleared. Two of them may now be in the Downs, but I doubt whether the third is yet out of the river. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 257, *No.* 182.] *Encloses,*

> *Account of victuals for* 2,320 *for* 112 *days, shipped in vessels named, for the supply of the fleet under Sir Thos. Allin in the Straits, and consigned to Cadiz; value* 262*l.* 16*s.* 10*d.* [*Ibid. No.* 182I.]

March 25. Portsmouth. Commissioner John Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. I will husband the money ordered as well as I can. I wish the 302 trees put to sale by the heirs of the late Lord Treasurer could be bought standing, as this would save the King 100*l*; when I hear they are sold, I shall endeavour to deal for the bodies, as several are ready for the bargain. They may produce 400 loads of good timber, but present payment is demanded.

There will be an increase of work and wants by the Straits fleet, now ordered in, and I am the more troubled to think of the want of money. John Mayle expects performance of his contract for 460 loads of timber, whereof 66 loads have come in. I send an account of timber bought and received, without written contracts being made. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 183.]

March 25. Portsmouth. Same to the Navy Commissioners. We are sheathing the *Dragon,* and if she had seamen, she might be taking in her provisions, and be at sea in 10 days; I will supply her with stores required out of the 600*l.* Not more than 30 seamen can be depended upon in these parts.

I could bring Mr. Perrin to no abatement in some things; he affirms that he has hitherto lost by what has been delivered, and that there was a mistake in setting pence in the place of shillings in the account for rivets. I suppose you may bring Cole to an abatement, as he was on higher terms for his timber; he speaks of a great

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quantity bought in Sussex of Sir Cecil Bishop for 4,000*l.*, and has promised to wait on you about it. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 257, *No.* 184.] *Encloses,*

> *Propositions by Paul Cole of Milbrook, Hants, timber merchant, for delivering timber and plank mentioned into the stores at Portsmouth, for ready money.—Portsmouth,* 24 *March* 1668. [*Copy. Ibid. No.* 184I.]

March 25. Deptford. Jonas Shish to the Navy Commissioners. We have launched the *Hampshire* and docked the *Sapphire.* I beg a speedy supply of sheathing boards, spruce deals, &c., for finishing the repair of the *Little Victory* and other ships. [*Ibid. No.* 185.]

March 25. Deptford. Ann Harper to the Navy Commissioners. I intreat you to move the Treasurers that I may have the salary due to my late husband [Thos. Harper], having many children to provide for, and legacies to pay. [*Ibid. No.* 186.]

March 25. Deal. John Culmer to Col. Thos. Middleton. I have swept an anchor in the Downs of 30 cwt., with 50 fathoms of cable, which I judge was lost by the *Dreadnought,* and have satisfied the boatmen for their pains. Pray remember me in the former business I troubled you with. [*Ibid. No.* 187.]

[March 25.] Petition of Joseph Brown, calker, to the Navy Commissioners, for some recompense for quenching the fire from burning the *Defiance's* head, on which service he burnt a Sunday coat and hat. [*Ibid. No.* 188.] *Encloses,*

> *Certificate by Edw. Gregory and* 2 *others, that Brown was very diligent in quenching the fire, giving attendance, with much labour, the whole night, upon which service he received great damage to his clothes.*—24 *March* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 188I.]

March 25. John Moorhouse to [the Navy Commissioners]. I have spoken to Sir George Downing about your order for money promised me, and applied to the clerks, who sent me to Mr. Mading; he says he has laid out all the money received for the spoil in Aliceholt for the King's use. I cannot get my warrant for felling timber in Whittlewood, so I desire further commands. [*Ibid. No.* 189.]

March 26. Near Kinsale. Capt. Wm. Crispin to the Navy Commissioners. I have given directions for securing the *Harp* and her stores, as also for preparing the pay-books, &c. I have no assurance from Alderman Hutchinson what day the money will be ready for paying the company; when it comes, all things shall be quickly perfected; but I cannot go to Dublin.

After I had faithfully performed my duty, I was constrained to leave my family and concerns, by a costly and tedious journey to London, to perfect my accounts and petition for my satisfaction, not only for services, but for money long since disbursed, and in order to be freed from debts and engagements. In obtaining this, I met with very unkind treatment, loss of time, and high expenses, and was put to wait from door to door amongst beggars, and at last

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constrained to buy satisfaction on some accounts, at 15 per cent., which others concerned with me in them have refused to allow; thence divers suits in law have arisen, to my very great damage. I find the 20*l.* ordered by you for our charges to Dublin will not defray the expenses, as we are 150 miles away; however, I will leave my own concerns, and do my utmost to accomplish your commands here. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 257, *No.* 190.]

March 26. Plymouth. John Clarke to James Hickes. The Prince of Tuscany and Sir Bernard Gascoigne have gone towards London; the *Portland* frigate and *Roe* ketch have sailed for the Downs. [*Ibid. No.* 191.]

March 26. Pass for 20 horses for Sir Henry Jones. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 123.]

March 26. The King to the Duke of York. On 1 February, we ordered you to hire as many merchant ships as should be necessary for convoys for this year; but as they can scarcely be provided soon enough, we wish you to fit out as many men-of-war as shall be necessary. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, *f.* 20.]

March 27. Approbation of Col. Edw. Grey as a deputy-lieutenant for Northumberland. Minute. [*S.P Dom., Entry Book* 20, *p.* 196.]

March 27. Petition of Thos. Mulleneux to the King and Council, on behalf of himself and others injured by the Dutch East India Company at Amboyna and Poleron, complaining that out of 32,000*l.* paid by the Dutch, and entrusted to Sir Rob. Vyner, in compensation for the said damages, only 3,615*l.* has been paid away, whilst Sir Robert, on various excuses, withholds the 28,385*l.*; requests that the accounts of the transaction may be brought into the Exchequer, and the remaining money handed over to one of the secretaries, to be paid to the proprietors. Endorsed with note that Lord Arlington's opinion thereon is desired by Mr. Boevey in Chancery Lane. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *No.* 1.]

March 27. Bristol. James Baskerville to Williamson. Upwards of 20 ships have arrived from places named. [*Ibid. No.* 2.]

March 27. Victualling Office. Sir Denis Gauden to the Navy Commissioners. I have consigned the victuals to be shipped for Sir Thos. Allin's fleet, and hope the ships will be at Cadiz to receive them; but in case they should not, as it happened with the last, which were delivered at Tangier, I desire orders what shall be done with them, for preventing extra loss and charge. [*Ibid. No.* 3.]

March 27. Papers relating to goods embezzled belonging to the King, viz:—

Memorandum made by Surveyor Middleton and Samuel Pepys, Clerk of the Acts, on the examination of [Phineas] Pett, master shipwright, and others, as to lending boats from the stores at Chatham to Mr. Kent; Pett would not swear that they were all returned, but would swear that he had never sold nor given Kent any.—26 March 1669. [2½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 4.]

Affidavits by Thos. Burley of Hoo, Kent, Daniel Eldridge, Francis Toney, and Wm. Dover, relative to boats, old piles, and spurshores, supposed to be taken by Pett, and converted to his own use. [*Ibid. Nos.* 5, 6.]

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Affidavit of Jeremiah Lambert, of Gillingham. Francis Toney demanded of Mr. Kent whose boat it was that he had in his ground; he replied it was his own, and he bought it of Mr. Pett; did not hear anything said about its being borrowed. With note that Daniel Eldridge showed the Board the absolution of his late excommunication, under the seal of the Archbishop of Canterbury, with a certificate of its being published 14 March by Ralph Twiss, Vicar of Gillingham, Also note that Cornelius Paine and 3 others make oath that they saw nothing in a smack laden by Mr. Wilson's servants, save fag ends of cables.—27 March 1669. [1¼ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *No.* 7.]

Notes on the evidence of the witnesses before named. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 8.]

March 28. Thos. Price to Fras. Royley. I have directed your letters. All friends desire to be remembered; your wife and daughter are well. [*Ibid. No.* 9.]

March 29. *Martha and Mary*, Downs. Sir W. Godolphin to Williamson. I have received Sir Rich. Beeling's letter, with an enclosure from her Majesty to the Queen of Spain. We sailed from the Downs on the 25th with other ships, but were forced back by contrary winds. We met the *Portland*, and heard of the Prince of Tuscany's arrival at Plymouth. We have M. Oxenstern, the Swedish Envoy for Portugal, and other company on board, too good to be made prize by the Algiers men, whom we shall begin to fear as we approach the rock of Lisbon, their usual station.

Here are two victuallers bound for Cadiz, or Sir Thos. Allin's squadron, and the *Orange*, a caper taken from the Dutch in the late war, ready to convoy them; as we are going the same way, I have written to Mr. Wren that the captain may have a care of us, in case we are attacked, our own vessel having too many guns to condescend to be searched. If Mr. Wren gives orders for the *Orange* to sail with us, send them by express. [1¾ *pages. Ibid. No.* 10.]

March 29. Yarmouth. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Two ships have come in from Marseilles with brimstone, almonds, &c., one of which fell in with an Algiers man-of-war of 36 guns, who made a strict search, which they said was on account of the abuses they met with, under the colour of being English ships and goods; but they were otherwise kind, inviting the master and merchant aboard to a civil treat of sweetmeats, and what their ship afforded. Arrival of ships from Nantes and Wales. [*Ibid. No.* 11.]

March 29. Chester. Ma. Anderton to Williamson. There have arrived from Holyhead, [Hugh Hamilton] Lord Glenawly, [John Berkeley, Viscount] Fitzharding, and 5 other young gentlemen, for London; they came over from Dublin in the pleasure boat. [*Ibid. No.* 12.]

March 29. Lyme. Ant. Thorold to Hickes. The *Fellowship* has arrived from Jamaica, and reports the place in good condition, only more men and women might do well. The *Oxford* frigate was blown up at the Isle of Ash, with 200 men and 5 of the captains of the fleet, there being a council sitting for taking Carthagena; but her commander, Capt. Haggar, was saved, (he being imprisoned at Jamaica for killing his master), and other commanders were saved out of the water. The *Oxford* a week before had fetched a French rover who had plundered an English merchantman, and the captain and 40 of his men, being on board at the time of the blowing up, are suspected, the captain being afterwards taken out of the water quite naked, with gold in his mouth ; he has since been brought to Jamaica, and condemned by a council of war to be hanged, and his ship made prize. The *Fellowship* confirms the taking of Porto Bello, with the loss of only 2 men, and of their having run on shore, to spare the ship from fire. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *No.* 13.]

March 29.
Weymouth.
John Pocock to Williamson. To the same effect. Also, Sir Thos. Modyford has lately buried his lady. A vessel from Jamaica with passengers went into Porto Rico to victual, and the captain going himself on shore to treat with the Spaniards, came on board, and told his passengers that if they would go on shore, they might have what refreshment they pleased ; 27 went with him, who with himself were all kept by the Spaniards ; they would have also got the ship and the rest of the company, but those on board perceiving it, weighed anchor and went back to Jamaica. [1¼ *pages. Ibid. No.* 14.]

March 29.
Pendennis.
Fras. Bellott to Williamson. There are but few vessels in the harbour. Capt. Godolphin is still at Pendennis, but intends his voyage for the East Indies. A Dutch vessel has come in from Rotterdam. [*Ibid. No.* 15.]

March 29.
Custom House,
Carlisle.
Wm. Christian to Williamson. Being informed that Eras. Towerson has gone to London to make complaint against me, I desire you will not conclude me guilty, until I have attended on you and disputed the difference with him in your presence. I am delayed by my great desire for your brother's company. [*Ibid. No.* 16.]

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Sir Wm. Neale to Williamson. Thanks for your kindness ; I never met with such friends since the Restoration, and it has made me cheerful to think how highly Lord Arlington esteems one who has so little merited it. [*Ibid. No.* 17.]

March 29.
Account of the allowances to Foreign Ministers, as proposed by the Lords of the Treasury in 1667, settled by the Foreign Committee the same year, and altered by his Majesty in 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 17A.]

March 29.
Whitehall.
Proclamation forbidding the import of foreign corn in time of plenty, as clogging the market, and causing grain to be undersold. [*Printed. Proc. Coll., p.* 267.]

March 29.
Commission to Thos. Richardson to be ensign to Capt. Thos. Stradling's company, in Col. John Russell's regiment of guards. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 29, *p.* 31.]

March 29.
Warrant to Sir Thos. Osborne and Sir Thos. Littleton, Navy Treasurers, to pay out of money to be repaid from the wine Act or otherwise, 2,271*l.* to Signor Manuel de Fonseca, for French wines taken by Prince Rupert for the service of the Navy, an order of 10 May 1667 for payment being still unpaid, and likely to be so

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for a long time, by reason of the precedency of other Navy bills; another order of 31 Aug. 1668, charging the late Navy Treasurer to pay this sum from the customs of November to February last is also unpaid, owing to the removal of the then treasurer. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 123.]

March 30. Whitehall. Order for a warrant to pay during pleasure to Thos. Samborne, appointed marshal of ceremonies to attend ambassadors sent from foreign princes, on resignation of Amice Andros, 100*l.* a year, the said annuity being granted to Andros for life. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 26, *f.* 50.]

March 30. Pass for a horse for Lord Brien. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 123.]

March 30. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. No news of any kind. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *No.* 18.]

March 30. Portsmouth. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. The *Dragon* is sheathed and taking in ballast, and I expect seamen to enter themselves to-day. I have viewed several parcels of trees, and offered money for them, but none sell as yet. They stand at 42*s.* and 43*s.* a load, delivered at the waterside, whence it will cost 2*s.* more. Col. Reymes has sent in canvas, and the storekeeper desires a copy of the contract, to make out a bill. The hoys from Deptford are unladen. [*Ibid. No.* 19.]

March 30. Chatham. Wm. Rand and John Brooke to the Navy Commissioners. We are rigging the *Warwick*, which is ready to receive officers and men, and can take in her victuals in a week. We are forced to work all our ordinary on her, so we cannot do the other necessary work in the river. [*Ibid. No.* 20.]

March 30. Navy Office. Navy Commissioners to the Commissioners of Accounts. We send a list of officers employed in the Navy, between Sept. 1664 and Dec. 1668. We hope to be able to send your other demands in a little time. [*Ibid. No.* 21.]

March 30. Chatham. Edw. Gregory to Pepys. I enclose a letter from Dan. Eldridge and Fras. Toney, which they desire transmitted. [*Ibid. No.* 22.] *Encloses,*

> *Affidavit of Thos. Dawkins that Thos. Burley witnessed of his own free will, at the first meeting with Dan. Eldridge and Fras. Toney, that the boat in Mr. Kent's possession was sold to him by Mr. Pett, the builder; and at the second meeting, that the boat then taken away from Mr. Kent was not the one bought, but another, which was seized by the Dutch, and that Mr. Kent had 6l. to pay for it.—29 March* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 22I.]

March 30. Chatham. Edw. Gregory to the Navy Commissioners. Sends bills for the ballast baskets, oil, pitch, and tar, brought by the *Harwich* hoy. [*Ibid. No.* 23.]

March 30. Navy Office. Giles Bond, master of the *Hope* galliot, to the Navy Commissioners. Desires an order for provisions, his vessel being at Deptford. [*Ibid. No.* 24.]

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March 31. Ordnance Office. Edw. Sherburne and Rich. March to the Navy Commissioners. Ask how they have dealt with Capt. Langley as to his wages, and what they know of the truth of the loss or plundering of the ketch, that they may discharge him of his obligation, or see his Majesty righted, in case his allegation be false. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *No.* 25.] *Enclose,*

> *Certificate by Thos. Langley to the Ordnance Commissioners, that having received order to carry a packet to Cadiz in the* Edward and Eve *ketch, in June* 1665, *he was chased ashore by a Holland man-of-war, who took and plundered him of his ordnance and ammunition.—London,* 25 *March* 1669. *Copy.* [*Ibid. No.* 251.]

March 31. *Mary* yacht, Dublin. Capt. James Sharland to the Navy Commissioners. There are persons in Chester, Liverpool, and Dublin, who can supply a cable and hawser, but will not, because that last bill of credit I drew for sails, cordage, and trimming, now a year and half ago, is not satisfied. Mathew Anderton and Rob. Phillpot of Chester have threatened to sue me, and made such a noise that I can have no more credit. Pray send me two cables and a hawser, and boatswain and carpenter's stores. If the ship continues here the next winter, we shall want a supply of new sails. [*Ibid. No.* 26.]

March 31. Chatham Dock. Dan. Bowtwell to Pepys. Pray move the Board with my petition delivered at the Hill House, so as that the surgeon's shop adjacent to my lodging may be granted me; the fitting of it for my convenience will not amount to much. Also ask that a cellar of 8 or 10 feet square may be dug under my lodging, I having no place where to set a little beer or meat to preserve it. [*Ibid. No.* 27.]

March 31. Hinchinbroke. Earl of Sandwich to Williamson. I send, as directed by Secretary Trevor, some examinations to be laid before Council. I have taken them with all care and circumspection; pray lay them before the King, with my character for readiness and fidelity in every occasion to serve him. [*Ibid. No.* 28.]

March 31. H. Aldrich to his brother, Rob. Francis. We had the first meeting about our business yesterday; there is a considerable difference, but I hope at the next to bring things nearer together, and put a period without any suit at law. I am resolved to be a loser, rather than go to law when I can avoid it. I hope to be at home on Saturday week. Pray deliver the letters enclosed, especially those to Roland and my sister Ursula. [*Ibid. No.* 29.]

March 31. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Hickes. Several vessels have arrived bound for places named. The *Morning Star* continues at Falmouth, the captain being much troubled by his men running away; some of them he is forced to put in prison, and has much trouble to get others, they fearing, because the voyage has proved so unfortunate in the beginning, that it will not end well, and that they will have to allow their wages to make good the loss. [*Ibid. No.* 30.]

March 31. Same to Williamson. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 31.]

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March 31.
Bristol.
James Baskerville to Williamson. The *Blossom* and other vessels have arrived from New England and Virginia, and left some more in the Channel coming up. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *No.* 32.]

[March 31.]
Whitehall.
Note of passports required for Lawrence Debusty, merchant, resident in London, to go to France and return. [*French. Ibid. No.* 33.]

March 31.
Whitehall.
Pass for Lawrence Debusty to go and return. [*Ibid. No.* 34.]

March 31.
Note of the said pass, adding two geldings. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 123.]

March 31.
Pass for 14 horses to France for Lord Middlesex. Minute. [*Ibid. f.* 123.]

March 31.
The King to his cousin [the Elector Palatine]. I have always been concerned about the differences between you and my cousin, Prince Rupert, and I offer one expedient more. Let Prince Rupert discharge you from all arrears of appanage, amounting to 6,000*l.*, and lay down his pretensions as executor to the Queen [of Bohemia], my aunt, contenting himself with the moveables of the Palatinate house which he already has, and 3,000*l.* a year, if he has no lawful issue. I send over his secretary, James Hayes, to whom give credence and despatch. If you comply herein, I shall be much satisfied. If not, I must do my utmost to obtain for my cousin, Prince Rupert, what is due to him. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, *f.* 21.]

March.
Petition of Chr. Andrews, bargeman, to the Navy Commissioners, for payment of 704*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*, due on bills for transportation of timber from Aliceholt and Whittlewood Forests to the water side, for 1665 and 1666; has two more freights now coming; there is enough of his Majesty's timber lying at the water side, to answer all demands of the service, without any supply from timber merchants. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *No.* 35.]

March ?
Request made to Lord [Arlington] in behalf of Mrs. Cannell, widow,—imprisoned by Dr. Barrow, Bishop of the Isle of Man, July 1668, for being a Catholic—for liberty, she holding only a third of a farm under the Earl of Derby; she was recommended by Abbot Montague from the Queen Mother. [*Ibid. No.* 36.]

March ?
Petition of Rich. Colston to the King, showing that for 10 months of his office of gauger of Excise for the city of Worcester, by discovering many frauds of the brewers, he has so enraged them that they conspire against his life, and indict him falsely for an assault on Anne Butler, a brewer; prays for a reprieve, in case he be found guilty by the partiality of the jury. [*Ibid. No.* 37.] *Annexing,*

> *Examinations of Rich. Colston, gentleman of Worcester, and of Sam. Young, taken before Thos. Street, Mayor, and other justices. Having received several informations that Anne Butler often concealed her brewings, they searched her house on the 2nd instant for concealed beer; and before their departure, drank 2 or 3 flagons, but deny taking any liberties, or using any violence.—7 Sept., Worcester.* [1½ *pages. Copy. Ibid. No.* 37i.]

——— to ———. Pray remind Lady Castlemaine to obtain the King's signature to a reprieve for Rich. Colston of Worcester, in case that by the malice of the brewers there, he should be sentenced for a crime falsely imputed to him by Anne Butler, a common strumpet; she has already accused 8 *persons of the same crime, in order to gain money.* [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *No.* 37ii.]

Proposed warrant to Sir Thos. Twysden and Sir Wm. Wylde, Barts., the Sheriff of Worcester, and others, to reprieve Rich. Colston, maliciously accused of a rape, in case he should be found guilty, by the violence of the prosecution. [*Ibid. No.* 37iii.]

March ? Petition of Margaret Griffin (or Griffith), prisoner in Newgate, to Lord Arlington, to be released—having obtained her warrant for transportation—without payment of fees, which, being impoverished by her tedious imprisonment, she is unable to pay. [*See* 21 *Jan.* 1669. *Ibid. No.* 38.]

March. Mary Curson to Rob. Francis, at Lord Arlington's office. Requests him to send the enclosed to her sister Heb. [*Ibid. No.* 39.]

March. Proposal by Weneslaus Hollar, "his Majesty's scenographer, or designer of prospects." If the King will send me with Lord Henry Howard, the Ambassador, with whose grandfather I lived in the like employment, and allow me 100*l.* towards fitting myself and leaving my house and family in good condition, then I will adventure my person and time, and give an account of what is worthy to be observed in those parts, especially the city of Tangier; for although there is a large map thereof done by me—but performed only upon the author's tradition by word of mouth, and my own bringing into method—I conceive if one should compare the print with the thing itself, as I intend doing if I go there, I should find but little likeness, and perhaps quite another thing. I would examine all, and take designs, and give his Majesty much better satisfaction, although the other had more for his pains than I ask. [*Ibid. No.* 40.]

March.
Whitehall. Blank warrant to Sir Edw. Griffin, Treasurer of the Chamber, for a payment to John Birtby, Ant. Ryder, and John Gauntlett, clerks of the Privy Council, for their pains in writing above 1,000 circular letters, and other letters and orders, as directed by the Navy Commissioners during the late war, and by the committees for the sickness (plague), fire of London, &c. [*Ibid. No.* 41.] *Enclosing,*

List of letters, orders, &c., written for the King's service, from 1 *Sept.* 1663 *to* 5 *March* 1669; *with the number of copies of each required, varying from* 1 *to* 68. [3 *pages. Ibid. No.* 41i.]

March ? List of the King's Ministers and of English Consuls abroad. [2¾ *pages. Ibid. No.* 42.]

March ? Account of an Act passed in Parliament on 16 March 1664, for suppressing seditious conventicles, to last for 3 years after

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that session, and then to the end of the next session; the 3 years expired 17 May 1667; this session was prorogued 1 March last, so the Act has now lasted one session after the expiration of the 3 years. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *No.* 43.]

March ? Advertisement of the loss of a portmanteau, with writings of concern, from the Cambridge coach, between London and Bishop Stortford, offering a reward for its recovery. [*Ibid. No.* 44.]

March ? Certificate that the *Lily* began petty warrant 12 June 1667, as appears by the muster book, signed by Capt. [Jas.] Jenifer, and given in long since by him to the Navy Office. [*Ibid. No.* 45.]

March ? Tabular statement of the value of the bishopric of St. Asaph, of all the offices connected therewith; also of all the benefices in the diocese; containing the reputed value, estimate in the King's books, subsidies, tithes, &c., with the name of the present occupants and patrons; also memoranda relating to some of the livings. [13½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 45A.]

March. Deal. Lists sent by Mor. Lodge, to Williamson, of King's and merchant ships in the Downs, the state of the wind, time of the arrival and despatch of mails, &c.:—

Vol. 258. No.	Date.	King's.	Merchants'.	Mails.		Wind.	Remarks.
				Arrival.	Despatch.		
46	March 1	2	6	—	6 p.m.	S.W.	
47	„ 2	2	5	—	6 p.m.	N.E.	
48	„ 3	2	4	—	6 p.m.	S.	
49	„ 4	2	—	—	5 p.m.	E.	
50	„ 5	2	—	—	—	W.	
51	„ 7	2	—	—	5 p.m.	—	
52	„ 7	2	5	—	6 p.m.	S.	
53	„ 8	2	3	—	5 p.m.	S.W.	
54	„ 10	1	5	—	6 p.m.	S.	
55	„ 11	1	6	—	6 p.m.	E.	
56	„ 11	1	5	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	S.S.E.	
57	„ 13	1	—	5 p.m.	6 p.m.	E.	
58	„ 14	1	1	—	5 p.m.	S.	
59	„ 15	1	2	—	5 p.m.	S.E.S.	
60	„ 16	1	—	—	6 p.m.	E.	
61	„ 17	1	2	—	5 p.m.	N.E.	
62	„ 18	1	—	—	6 p.m.	N.E.	
63	„ 19	1	—	—	5 p.m.	N.E.	
64	„ 21	1	12	—	6 p.m.	W.	One of his Majesty's pleasure boats has sailed through from the southward for the river.
65	„ 22	1	11	—	6 p.m.	N.E.	
66	„ 24	1	11	—	6 p.m.	N.W.	
67	„ 25	1	9	—	—	N.	Sir Wm. Godolphin, Ambassador for Spain, set sail.
68	„ 26	1	1	—	6 p.m.	S.W.	
69	„ 27	1	12	—	6 p.m.	N.W.	
70	„ 28	1	15	—	7 p.m.	N.W.	
71	„ 29	1	19	—	6 p.m.	N.W.	
72	„ 30	1	20	3 p.m.	6 p.m.	S.W.	
73	„ 31	1	21	—	6 p.m.	W.S.W.	

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March. Grant to the President, &c., of the Royal Society of London for improvement of natural knowledge, of several parcels of land in Chelsea, with the houses and buildings thereon, granted or intended to be granted by King James to Chelsea College, rent 2*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.*; with alterations in the government of the society, and provisoes that the land be not alienated nor sold, and that the president and his deputy take the oaths of allegiance and supremacy, before they enter on the execution of their offices. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 23.]

March. Grant to Rachel, Viscountess Falkland, of 3,000*l.* out of the embezzlement of prize goods in Ireland, to be discovered by herself or her agents. [*Ibid. No.* 24.]

March. Warrant to discharge and allow to Sir George Carteret, late Treasurer of the Navy, on his accounts, 15,000*l.*, part of 30,000*l.* remitted by him by the King's direction to Ireland, and paid the Earl of Anglesey, then Vice-Treasurer there, to strengthen that kingdom against the preparations of the Dutch, with whom his Majesty was then at war. [*Ibid. No.* 26.]

March. Warrant to pay to the 6 justices of the Great Sessions in Wales an augmentation of 100*l.* a year each, with their former allowance of 50*l.*, out of the revenue in North and South Wales. [*Ibid.*]

March. Warrant to pay to Philip Packer, paymaster of the works, 6,000*l.* on account for rebuilding the Custom House. [*Ibid. No.* 27.]

March. Warrant to pay to Sir Robert Vyner 12,456*l.* 10*s.* 9*d.* for jewels. plate, &c., from 24 June 1668 to 14 Feb. 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 29.]

March. Warrant to pay to [Ald.] Edw. Backwell 6,657*l.* 16*s.* 4*d.* as interest for advancing to the King 128,896*l.* 18*s.* 3*d.* at several times. [*Ibid.*]

March. Warrant to pay to John Portman 497*l.* 17*s.* 6¼*d.* as interest of 9,608*l.* 16*s.* 1*d.* advanced to Sir George Carteret for the King's service. [*Ibid.*]

March. Warrant to pay to Isaac Meynell 26,197*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.* as interest of 320,187*l.* advanced to Sir George Carteret for the King's service. [*Ibid.*]

March. Warrant to pay to the Lieutenant of the Ordnance 40,000*l.* on account, for providing a magazine of saltpetre. [*Ibid. No.* 31.]

March. Warrant to the Treasurer of the Chamber to pay to John Myer, violinist in place of ——— Yonckney, deceased, 16*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* a year for his livery. [*Ibid. No.* 32.]

April 1. Oxford. Dr. J. Fell to [Williamson]. In what manner is the Prince of Tuscany to be received? I consider that his Majesty and the public may have a concernment in what is done to so near an ally, but if the Prince resolves to come upon us by surprise, I hope he will pardon whatever omissions his own choice occasions. Thanks for the care you have taken with Sir Bernard Gascoigne. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *No.* 74.]

April 1. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. There is no news of any kind here. [*Ibid. No.* 75.]

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April 1. Carlisle. Sir Philip Musgrave to [Williamson.] Pray act as a friend in the dispute about the Customer's place at Carlisle Port, between Mr. Towerson and Mr. Christian; they both look upon you as their friend, and are willing to submit to your judgment. Towerson has acted and suffered much upon the score of loyalty, and I believe him to be an honest man; but not having heard Christian's allegations, I have not grounds sufficient to build an opinion upon. My son Thomas has been installed Prebendary of Carlisle, and Archdeacon of the diocese, at the free motion of the Bishop. It is a comfort to my old age to have him settled so near, and I hope he will be content with what is sufficient for him. [1½ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *No.* 76.]

April 1. Old Durham. Michael Tempest to Williamson. I must beg you to be mindful of my business, in order to obtaining his Majesty's letter to make use of the next term, and prevent a seizure in the Exchequer in Ireland. Also lay the Master of the Rolls' certificate and the report before Lord Arlington, in order to the abating of the rent and arrears, as unless that be done, it will not be worth while to pass it under the Great Seal; 40*l.* of the arrear was allowed on account by Sir Daniel Bellingham, the Receiver, but for want of taking a receipt in due time, he pretends to have forgotten it, and so it must be paid again, unless remitted upon the report. The petition prays both, and the certificate and report make out their justice. I hope his lordship will have moved his Majesty in both. I could not allow time before I left London to settle my difference with Col. Vernon, but trust respect will be paid to all just pretensions, wherein I hope as much friendship from you as in justice can be expected.

With note by Col. John Tempest. I am beholden to my cousin for giving me the opportunity of assuring you that you will find us just and faithful in our promises, and that we intend prosecuting our pretensions with all imaginable vigour, and hope we shall find a continuance of your friendship and readiness. [1¼ *pages. Ibid. No.* 77.]

April 1. Writ of *Ad quod damnum* to Edm. Wiseman, Sheriff of Berkshire, to inquire whether any damage would arise if William, Earl of Craven, were to hold a fair at Chipping Lamborne on the Monday in Whitweek, and a weekly fair on Fridays, receiving the customary tolls.—2 March 1669. Also his return thereon, 1 April, in favour thereof. [*Latin.* 2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 78.]

April 1. Reference of the petition of George Snelling, for pardon for barratry, to the judge who sat upon the trial. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 16.]

[April 1.] Petition of Anthony Hammond to the King, to confirm leases made by the trustees of the Queen Mother, in 1661 and 1663, of the possession and reversion of Somersham manor and park, value 450*l.* a year—on paying 160*l.* old rent to the Queen—to Mr. Cornwallis, in trust for Sir Kenelm Digby, under whom the petitioner claims; also of the custody and herbage and pannage of the said park, to the Earl of Suffolk, from whom Sir Kenelm purchased it for 2,500*l.* [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *No.* 80.]

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April 1. Reference of the preceding petition to the Treasury Commissioners. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 16.]

April 1. Portsmouth. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. I shall not take more from Dr. Perrin than present occasion calls for, until the contract be passed. I shall endeavour to bring Paul Coles to terms; I thought you might have better settled with him, as he is a stranger to me; Mr. Deane should view his timber, that you may not be disappointed. I have treated for some good timber, and offered money for near 1,000*l.* worth, judging the money at my disposal, but Mr. Ridge says he has no order for paying any part of the 1,000*l.* If I am to go through with the bargain, I hope you will see me secured with money for payment. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *No.* 81.]

April 1. Ant. Fist to the Navy Commissioners. I undertook to procure, for a friend, payment of a ticket for 15*l.*, and had promise of it, but having another of near the same value, I delivered that in mistake, received the money, and paid it to whom I thought it was due; demand being made for the other, and not finding it, I presumed it was lost. When I understood that search had been made, and the money charged upon me, I found out my error, and offered satisfaction on good security, but the party concerned arrested me. I know not how to clear myself, unless you procure a warrant for taking both serjeants and plaintiff into custody, so that I may have time to give satisfaction. [*Ibid. No.* 82.]

April 2. Chatham. J. Wilson, storekeeper, to Pepys. I received an unsigned letter importing that the *Sovereign's* boat had put a cable aboard John Moorcock's ketch; I sent the letter to Eldridge and Toney, who are gone in chase of the ketch; pray send a despatch to Newcastle and Sunderland, where they will meet the vessel. I have acquainted the master attendant here, and presume he will make what discovery he can. Expedition is all in this case, for when parties concerned receive the alarm, tidings fly to the ketch, and rather than be caught, overboard goes the cable. [*Ibid. No.* 83.]

April 2. Woolwich. Jonas Shish and Edw. Byland to the Navy Commissioners. We think the estimate proposed for converting the *Royal James* to a hulk will make her substantial, but we desire you will order other shipwrights to pass their judgment, it having been the custom to have more than two on such surveys; Capt. Deane, being in town, and being a master shipwright, is a proper person to give an opinion, with others used to take contract work. [*Ibid. No.* 84.] *Enclosing,*

> *Estimate by the Same, of works requisite to be performed to the* Royal James, *for fitting her as a hulk; total,* 1,635*l.* [*Ibid. No.* 84I.]
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> *Certificate by Commissioner J. Tippetts that he has perused this estimate, and conceives the whole work mentioned therein may be done for* 1,350*l.* [*Ibid. No.* 84II.]

April 2. Notes by Williamson on an argument by Dr. Worsley, as to the expediency of buying foreign ships, as being cheaper than building new ones. As to cheapness, the argument is *felo de se.* The owners of foreign ships might gain 10 per cent., but the owners of

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English ships would be under great disadvantage; we must build, or the inequality will still remain. [2 *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *No.* 85.]

April 2. Dr. L. Jenkins to Williamson. I have decreed a commission of inspection to issue upon the petition of the King's Proctor, whereby you may search for all papers late in the custody of Sir Ant. des Marces, that concern his Majesty's negotiations or affairs of State, which you must do in presence of Mark Cottle, the Registrar, who will attend when you appoint.

M. Breval sends his thanks for your giving him some hopes of a pension while waiting for a benefice, but I told him that I had observed, "ever since I read Balzac's letters, that there is a sort of pensions at Court which are of a very melancholy speculation." This, I observed, visibly took off his edge from engaging in the French Church's service within this city. I perceive that he has the address and the fervors of a Capucin in soliciting his affair, and hope he will have the patience and resignation which that strict order teaches, if he meets with disappointment. I have always intimated that he must not value himself overmuch upon his qualifications in the communion that he has left, and that he should pursue his design of appearing in print. I am going towards Oxford until Easter Tuesday. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 86.]

April 2. Ro. Boyle to Williamson. I beg a continuation of your favours to Lady Gent, in the affair she is now prosecuting. [*Ibid. No.* 87.]

April 2. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. A ship from Virginia has arrived laden with tobacco; she gives a very good account of that country, and says there is a fine crop of tobacco this year. [*Ibid. No.* 88.]

April 2. Grant to the bailiff and jurates of Jersey of imports on wines, cider, and apples, towards maintaining a college, workhouse, pier, and magazine of arms, and the same petty customs for maintaining the pier as Guernsey has. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 33.]

April 3. Case of Sir Stephen Fox. He paid Wm. Carr, on 22 May 1667, 2,291*l.* 16*s.* 0*d.* towards the pay of his Majesty's troop; by an Order of Council of 18 Sept. 1667, Lord Gerard and he were directed to lay down that amount by equal parts, and what remained when the troop was paid, which was 605*l.* 17*s.* 8*d.*, was to be equally divided, which was done. Then the sum in difference was 1,685*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.*, which by the same order was left to a trial at law; but this being delayed over 3 terms, Sir Stephen Fox again brought it, by petition, before his Majesty and Council, who determined that the sum in difference should be divided into 3 parts, 2 to be paid by Sir Stephen, and 1 by his lordship, whereby Gerard's part amounted to 561*l.* 19*s.* $5\frac{1}{3}$*d.*, and Fox's to 1,123*l.* 18*s.* $10\frac{2}{3}$*d.* Lord Gerard having paid 1,145*l.* 18*s.* 0*d.*, received back by the first order 302*l.* 18*s.* 10*d.*, but is to pay by the second 561*l.* 19*s.* $5\frac{1}{3}$*d.*; so that if the second order be insisted on, Sir Stephen Fox is to pay 280*l.* 19*s.* $8\frac{2}{3}$*d.*, being 175*l.* more than he ought, and of which his lordship only faintly consents to pay 70*l.* [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *No.* 89.]

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April 3. Lichfield. H. Aldrich to his brother, Rob. Francis. I have received letters from my cousin Melsam and Mr. Price. Pray inquire of my sister Nutty what she has done about my Lord's clothes, as he will want to wear them at Easter. We have had 2 meetings about my business, but the latter has put us further off than ever, my sister having put herself into the hands of an attorney, who will not let it come to any end unless I will lose 200*l.* or 300*l.*, for which I see no reason. Tuesday next is appointed for another meeting, and if it be not peace, then I must proclaim war. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *No.* 90.]

April 3. Saturday. Sir Wm. Boreman to Williamson. Pray prepare a letter or *mandamus*, for Lord Arlington to peruse and present to the King, on behalf of William Rolfe, Fellow of New College, Oxford; the parsonage of Hardwick, co. Oxon, is void by death of Dr. Wm. Barker, but the gift being in Dr. Woodroffe, Warden of New College, who is biassed by a particular relation, he fears he shall not have fair play in the canvass without this letter. I am going to Greenwich to prepare for his lordship's dinner, and will speak to him about it. [*Ibid. No.* 91.]

April 3. Coventry. [Ralph Hope] to [Williamson]. The Countess of Southampton has come to her newly purchased house, and was received at the limits of the county by the aldermen, and a considerable number of the principal citizens, with other demonstrations of respect. The Leather Hall meetings make a great noise, and are very much resorted to, and beget great sullenness and animosity, which, if not regulated, may be of ill consequence. Herne, who was reprieved at Warwick, has gone out with a guard. [*Damaged. Ibid. No.* 92.]

April 3. William, Bishop of Lincoln, to Williamson. Here is a worthy divine who will undertake to oust an unworthy archdeacon; pray put in a caveat against the Archdeacon of Lincoln, who will endeavour to procure a corroboration of his title. Conceal my name if you can. [*Ibid. No.* 93.]

April 3. Weymouth. John Pocock to Hickes. The *Elizabeth* has arrived in 6 weeks from Virginia, and says that most of the London and Bristol men are only half laden, but will be ready in a few days. [*Ibid. No.* 94.]

April 3. Lyme. Ant. Thorold to Hickes. The *Jane* and *Susan* have arrived from Morlaix, and the *Margaret* and 2 others from St. Malo; they report that the French are very busy raising men for sea and land service, and fitting their fleet, which they pretend is for relief of Candia, though some suspect other designs. They complain of a great damp upon our manufacture there, caused by the large quantities of wool they have from Ireland. [*Ibid. No.* 95.]

April 3. Warrant to pay to Sir Thos. Osborne and Sir Thos. Littleton, exercising the office of Navy Treasurer, 100,000*l.* more, in full of 200,000*l.* for the Navy service, for the year ending Jan. 1670. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 34.]

April 3. Whitehall. The King to the Master, &c., of God's-gift College, Dulwich. We command you to elect to the wardenship of the college, void by

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death of Thos. Alleyn, John Alleyn, who is of the name and family of Edw. Alleyn, founder of the college, as required by statute, dispensing with the clause which requires the master not to be married. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, *f.* 22.]

[April 3.] Petition of Elias Alleyn to the King. King James granted a patent to Edw. Alleyn to establish Dulwich College, the master and warden to be single persons, admitted on oath, to be of his blood and name, and to be removable on marriage; but John Alleyn, a married man, on untrue suggestions, procured his Majesty's mandate to be admitted warden. He cannot take the oath without perjury, being a married man; nor can the brethren and sisters admit him without the oath, having sworn to perform the college statutes; thus his Majesty will be made the author of the violation of ordinances, and of misrule. Begs to be made warden instead, having been instrumental in obtaining gowns and pensions for 30 poor members, of which they have been defrauded 30 years, and rectified other great abuses; would probably have been elected warden, but for the said mandate. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *No.* 96.] *Annexing,*

Copy of Edw. Alleyn's ordinance that the master and wardens of the college shall be single, of his blood and name, 21 *years of age, and men of honest lives and conversation, &c.* [*Ibid. No.* 96I.]

Copy of the oath to be taken by the master or warden that he is single, will obey the statutes of the college, defend its rights, &c. [*Ibid. No.* 96II.]

Clause in Alleyn's will, charging all persons concerned not to alter or change the ordinances of the college. [*Ibid. No.* 96III.]

Abstract of the statutes for governing Dulwich College. [1½ *sheets. Ibid. No.* 96IV.]

Breviat of King James's letters patent for its foundation. [*Ibid. No.* 96V.]

Proposed warrant recalling the mandate granted to John Alleyn, a married man, to be admitted warden of Dulwich College—this being contrary to the statutes of the founder—and ordering a new election to be made in 14 *days; and lest any should dare in future to misinform his Majesty, the said John Alleyn shall be prosecuted, and the Lord Keeper issue a commission to Sir Thos. Alleyn, and* 15 *other persons named, to visit and regulate the college, according to the statutes of the founder.* [*Ibid. No.* 96VI.]

April 3. Portsmouth. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. Much time is lost for want of timber; I must have more than the 600*l.* for Mr. Ridge, out of the 1,000*l.* ordered, or all hitherto done will be but beating down prices for other men; a fortnight's delay will cause the proprietors to dispose of their goods. I have little encouragement to expect the performance of Paul Coles' proposals, but you shall know more when Capt. Deane has seen the goods. I could

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not bring Chris. Coles to any abatement, so agreed for a freight or two to keep the men at work; I have been in treaty with Henry Steele and others for oak and other timber. I furnished Mr. Eastwood with 20*l.*, and sent him to the New Forest, to hasten down beams for the new ship. I intreat you to pay my imprest bill for 100*l.*, that I may be reimbursed, as nothing can be done without ready money. [3 *pages.* *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *No.* 97.]

April 3. London. Thos. Goose, purser [of the *Sweepstakes*], to the Navy Commissioners. I desire a perusal of my papers and Capt. Saunders' letter, and a settlement of my affairs, that I may return to Yarmouth. I have addressed you 3 times, and applied at Sir Wm. Penn's office, but can find no relief. Particulars of the claim; with note that Sir John Mennes will answer it, Sir Wm. Penn being sick, and ceasing to act. [*Ibid. No.* 98.]

April 3. Ordnance Office. Jonas Moore and Edw. Sherburne to the Navy Commissioners. We want 20 tons of junk for gunners' wadding for ships fitting out to sea. [*Ibid. No.* 99.]

April 4. Whitehall. M. Wren to Pepys. I beg answer to certain scruples named, before I solicit his Royal Highness's signature to an order for payment to persons named; they concern the expenses of officers at courts martial, Capt. Deane's salary, and the discharge of the men on the *Sampson* prize. I send a privy seal as requested. [1¼ *pages. Ibid. No.* 100.]

April 4. John Shales to the Navy Commissioners. I petitioned his Royal Highness for a continuance of my Surveyor's salary of 150*l.* a year, from termination of my business at Portsmouth, till commencing with Lord Brouncker in ordinary; this I was informed by Mr. Wren could not be allowed, for precedent's sake; but that I should have the ordinary salary of the office, which I hope may be allowed for the whole time, as other extra clerks have been paid. [*Ibid. No.* 101.]

April 4. The *Mary* yacht, Dublin. Capt. James Sharland to the Navy Commissioners. I send a book of the entry and discharge of my men, of which I have given an account before. [*Ibid. No.* 102.]

April 4. Leghorn. Capt. Ch. O'Brien to the Navy Commissioners. I made a survey of the victuals which had lain here 3 years, found the flesh just eatable, and gave order for shipping it off. The wine is good, and I doubt not but Mr. Longland may soon dispose of it. I shall perform your directions at Tangier. We sail to-morrow, with 5 or 6 Cephalonia and other ships. We believe the Gallipoli fleet sailed straight home. With note that Mr. Clutterbuck has undertaken to answer as to the shortness of the beverage. [*Ibid. No.* 103.] *Encloses,*

> *Certificate by Capt. Ch. O'Brien, commander of the* Leopard, *and* 6 *others, that they have surveyed the provisions lying at St. Peters, consisting of* 127 *casks of beef and pork, and found only* 4 *unserviceable, but all much wanting in due weight.*—1 *April* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 103I.]

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Account by Capt. Ch. O'Brien of provisions surveyed by him and others in Mr. Clutterbuck's house, Leghorn, and in the magazine at St. Peters, 10 *miles from Leghorn.* [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *No.* 103ii.]

April 4. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Roebuck* has arrived at Spithead to be refitted, paid off, and laid up. Let the weekly written news be sent to Dr. Henry Perrin, physician, at Alsford [Alresford], and he will pay the same as others. [*Ibid. No.* 104.]

[April 4.] Notes from letters all calendared above. Endorsed "*Gazette.*" [*Ibid. No.* 105.]

April 4. Hull. Charles Whittington to Williamson. Several vessels have sailed for Holland, &c., but only a Dane from Norway has arrived. A small vessel going for the northward lost her main and mizen mast at sea, and was forced into Hull to refit. [*Ibid. No.* 106.]

April 4. Portsmouth. [Ben. Johnson] to [Williamson]. The *Roebuck*, from Jersey, has arrived at Spithead, where she remains with the *Nonsuch*, expecting orders; the *Dragon* is in forwardness for her voyage. The conventicles at Gosport, outfacing authority, are the wonder of the place, there being no example to prevent them, but so many elsewhere in their favour; I could write at large on the subject, if it might be no offence. [*Ibid. No.* 107.]

April 4. Deal. Rich. Watts to Williamson. The packets for Sir Wm. Godolphin have been delivered to him. [*Ibid. No.* 108.]

April 4. Milford. John Powell to Hickes. There is no shipping in the harbour except a few light colliers. [*Ibid. No.* 109.]

April 4. Newcastle. Mary Forster to Williamson. My husband died on Wednesday last, and was buried on Thursday. I shall be ready to correspond as he formerly did, and hope to discharge the business. A great number of ships are in, and a great fleet is expected. [*Ibid. No.* 110.]

April 4. Statement of particulars of the allowances, for salary and equipage, to foreign Ministers at places named, as settled by the Committee for Foreign Affairs, his Majesty being present. With note by Lord Arlington that his Majesty having been pleased to allow the same, has commanded his principal Secretaries of State to declare his pleasure thereupon, and to transmit a copy to the Treasury Commissioners, to remain as a rule for future reference. [3 *pages. Ibid. No.* 111.]

April 4. Copy of the above. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 112.]

[April 4.] Draft of the above. [*Ibid. No.* 113.]

[April 4.] Another draft, with notes of the allowances lately made to Ambassadors named. [3½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 114.]

[April 4.] Notes relating to the said allowances to Ambassadors, &c., which are to begin when they take leave of the King, and cease on their return to his presence; all advances made them to be deducted from their allowances. [*Ibid. No.* 115.]

April 4. Entry of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 26, *f.* 52.]

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April 5. Grant of licence to John, Earl of Exeter, to hunt in Rockingham Forest the ensuing summer. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 96.]

April 5. Warrant to the Lord Chamberlain to swear in the Bishop of Oxford as Dean of the Royal Chapel, in place of Dr. Crofts, Bishop of Hereford. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 124.]

April 5. Similar warrant to swear in Dr. Crew as Clerk of the Closet, in the place of the Bishop of Oxford. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

April 5. Two passes for 40 dogs for M. de Lionne. [*Ibid.*]

April 5. Warrant from Lord Arlington to the Master and Wardens of the Stationers' Company, to search for and seize unlicensed books and pamphlets, or books imported contrary to law, spoil the presses, and bring the offenders before him or a justice of peace. [*Ibid.*]

April 5. Whitehall. Proclamation forbidding the importation or sale of foreign needles, the Needlemakers' Company having complained that great quantities are brought in made of iron-wire, unfit for service, and papered, packed up, and sold as though made in London, to their great loss, they being obliged by their charter to make them of steel. [*Printed. Proc. Coll., p.* 268.]

[April 5.] Monday. Col. Rich. Talbot to [Williamson.] I request that the warrant may be put into Lord [Arlington's] hands, to get it signed, as the Vice-Chamberlain goes away on Wednesday. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *No.* 116.]

April 5. Pendennis. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. A few small vessels have come in. Capt. Godolphin is still at Pendennis, some of his men having run from him; but as soon as ready, he will proceed on his voyage. A Jamaica vessel, being disabled, intends disposing of her goods. [*Ibid. No.* 117.]

April 5. Yarmouth. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Four vessels have arrived; 2 laden with corn, and 2 from St. Valery with lint. There have 30 or 40 colliers passed through to the southward, and 20 or 30 light ones are at anchor in the Road. [*Ibid. No.* 118.]

April 5. Portsmouth. Sir Thos. Allin to Williamson. I sailed from Cadiz with the *Mary* and 4 others; I sent the *Bristol* to Lisbon to convoy home some ships, and left others at places named. We met Capt. Lord in the *John and Margaret*, bound for Bantam, for the East India Company; next day we met another, but he would not speak with us; we arrived near St. Helen's Road last night. We cannot weigh for Spithead until it is fairer weather, but I hope to see you shortly. [*Ibid. No.* 119.]

April 5. Weymouth. John Pocock to Hickes. The *Sarah* from Croisic, in France, has arrived, and reports that the French are making daily preparations for the relief of Candia, and that great numbers of soldiers are raised, and seamen pressed to go aboard their fleet of 40 sail at Rochelle. She met the *Bristol* frigate from Sir Thos. Allin in the Straits, which said he had renewed the peace with Algiers and Sally. [*Ibid. No.* 120.]

April 5. Chatham. Phin. Pett to the Navy Commissioners. Let me know your pleasure about purchasing 100 loads of timber, which I had of the

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Duke of Richmond; as it is in great hazard of being carried away by the floods, I must soon dispose of it. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *No.* 121.]

April 5. Chatham. Edw. Gregory and J. Wilson to the Navy Commissioners. We enclose Mr. Mason's bill, certified by Mr. Lawrence. [*Ibid. No.* 122.]

April 6. Portsmouth. Commissioner J. Tippetts to Pepys. I would be where I may be most serviceable, but I must be here sometimes this summer, for finishing the new ship; it will not be long in hand, if timber is not wanting, which I fear this country will not furnish, unless the Board supplies me with money. [*Ibid. No.* 123.]

April 6. Portsmouth. Same to the Navy Commissioners. I hear nothing of Paul Coles, but 2 others are very importunate about their timber. I have bought nothing by written contract; I will send particulars of money laid out for tar, broom, &c. Sir Thos. Allin has anchored at Spithead, with the *Monmouth* and 4 others. The *Bristol* wants an anchor, and the *Roebuck* is ordered in to clean and victual. The *Dragon* has only 24 men entered, but they have got in her ballast; be pleased to hasten down her commander and men. [*Ibid. No.* 124.]

April 6. Chatham Ropeyard. John Owen to the Navy Commissioners. We have very little tar here; we want a supply from London, or an order to Mr. Wilson to furnish what is wanted. [*Ibid. No.* 125.]

April 6. John Ruffhead to [the Navy Commissioners]. I entreat you to send to-day 80*l.*, on account of my bill for the repair of the old anchors. [*Ibid. No.* 126.]

April 6. Whitehall. Licence to Philip, Earl of Chesterfield, to travel with his servants for recovery of his health, and to return to England when he thinks fit, provided he be also ready for recall on summons from King or Council. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 96.]

April 6. Warrant to the Treasury Commissioners, to grant to Fras. Smethwick the first place of King's waiter or searcher of the port of London void after the placing of persons already recommended. [*Ibid. f.* 97.]

April 6. Whitehall. Warrant to the Ordnance Commissioners to allow 60*l.* a year each to Edm. Bray and Walter Long, sent into foreign parts to perfect themselves in the art of fortifications, so long as they remain abroad. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 26, *f.* 52.]

April 6. Whitehall. Warrant to the Earl of Sandwich, Master of the Great Wardrobe, to provide 12 colours for the King's regiment of Guards under the Duke of Albemarle, according to the pattern sent, the same as those of Col. John Russell's regiment, the colours for the captains to be distinguished by such figures as John Miller, major of the regiment, shall direct. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 29, *p.* 32.]

April 6. Pass for 20 horses to France for the Duke of Richmond. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 124.]

April 6. Warrant for swearing Christian Hurrell as apothecary and operator in chemistry, in place of Le Fevre. Minute. [*Ibid. f.* 125.]

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April 6. Warrant to the Ordnance Commissioners to deliver to the captains of Col. Russell's regiment 700 bandoleers edged with blue fringe, for his regiment, on their surrender of an equal number of old ones. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 125.]

[April 6.] Draft of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *No.* 127.]

[April 6.] Certificate by Henry, Bishop of Hereford, of the King's pleasure to grant to Dr. Stillingfleet the prebend in Canterbury void by death of Dr. [Wm.] Barker. [*Ibid. No.* 127A.]

April 6. Grant to Edw. Stillingfleet, D.D., of the said prebend. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 35.]

April [6.] Minute of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 19, *f.* 102.]

April 6. The King to the Vice-Chancellor and senate of Cambridge. We request you to admit Nich. Durel, of Jersey, who has studied at Caen and Sedan, and proved his learning by answering publicly in philosophy and divinity, to his M.A. degree, on his subscription and payment of fees, any statutes to the contrary notwithstanding. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 27, *f.* 146.]

April 6. Whitehall. Petition of Sam. Gardner, M.A., to the King, for a dispensation to hold the rectory of Buckland, co. Gloucester, until he is quietly settled in that of Beaconsfield, co. Bucks, when he will resign the former. Has been rector of Buckland many years, but it being insufficient for the support of himself and family, he has been presented to the rectory of Beaconsfield, the title of which being doubtful, it has to be litigated between 2 patrons. With reference thereon to Walter [Blandford], Bishop of Oxford, dean of the King's chapel, and his report in favour of the dispensation to Gardner, he giving security to resign Buckland within a year and a half. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *Nos.* 128, 129.] *Annexing,*

Two certificates in behalf of Sam. Gardner, clerk, testifying to his orthodoxy in the faith, and his good and pious life. Signed by Dr. John Fell, Dean of Christchurch, Wm. [*Nicholson*], *Bishop of Gloucester, Thos. Washbourne, S.T.P., Thos. Vyner, S.T.P., and George* [*Morley*], *Bishop of Winchester.* [*Latin. Ibid. No.* 129I, II.]

April 6. Entry of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 17.]

April 6. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Loyal Subject* and *London* passed by to the Isle of Wight; Sir Thos. Allin in the *Monmouth*, with the *Mary* and 3 others, has arrived at St. Helen's, and is waiting for orders. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *No.* 130.]

April 6. Portsmouth. [Ben. Johnson] to Williamson. Sir Thos. Allin, arrived on Sunday night, and the *Bristol* has since come into Spithead, having convoyed the *Catherine* and *Concord* merchant ships from Lisbon. The *Ruby* is gone for the Downs, and the remainder of the squadron are daily expected. The *Roebuck* is coming in to be refitted for the Irish coast. Two Holland merchant ships and some others ride at St. Helen's and Cowes, outward bound. [*Ibid. No.* 131.]

April 7. Information of Dr. Basire to the Bishop of Durham. A notorious conventicle was lately kept by above 300 persons of Gateshead and

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Newcastle, who, presuming on the expiration of the Act made against them, as soon as the Parliament was prorogued, met together at a house in Gateshead, to the great disturbance of the country. Rich. Gilpin, one of the 4 heads of the ringleaders, who keeps frequent assemblies, by flitting between Newcastle and Carlisle, situated in 2 dioceses, avoids the jurisdiction of the bishops and justices in both places; but for him and Wm. Durant, Henry Leaver, and John Pringle, they might the more easily be suppressed. It is desired that some strict order may be sent out against them by his Majesty. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *No.* 132.]

April 7. Wareham. Martin Moundeford to Rob. Francis. Though not so happy as to enjoy your acquaintance, yet the account I hear from my sister, Mr. Adamson, and others, confirms my good opinion of you, and makes me more sensible of my misfortune in missing such good company. I acknowledge Mr. Adamson's kindness and care of my sister, but know that where there is no visible estate, such ties are no more than a verbal engagement. I am confident the promise you will make, if ever you put the ring upon her finger, will be more obligatory, as to her future livelihood, than any writing, and I do not in the least mistrust, if it shall please God to increase your fortunes, but that you will be ready to satisfy her friends in that particular. I cannot dislike my sister's choice, which had my dear mother's approbation and blessing, and could promise myself much happiness, were it not for that grand obstacle, religion, which I hope you have seriously considered of, and will in due time improve your judgment upon, to the completing of that happiness which is most material in a married life. [*Ibid. No.* 133.]

April 7. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Williamson. The *Swallow* has arrived, bound for West Chester, to take in her loading for Leghorn; the *Morning Star* is in port for want of men. [*Ibid. No.* 134.]

April 7. Same to Hickes. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 135.]

April 7. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. The *Ruby*, arrived from the Straits, reports Sir Thos. Allin at Portsmouth. The outward-bound fleet has sailed, except 3 victuallers, which were bound to Cadiz for Sir Thos. Allin. [*Ibid. No.* 136.]

April 7. Bristol. James Baskerville to Williamson. The *Bethesda* has arrived from Cadiz in 19 days; the *Montague* and some others came forth with her, but have not yet arrived. [*Ibid. No.* 137.]

April 7. Certificate by Sir Rob. Long that there is due to the executors of George Bate, one of his Majesty's physicians, upon his fee of 100*l.* a year, 125*l.* for $1\frac{1}{4}$ year ending Lady Day 1668, it appearing, by the certificate of Dr. Stillingfleet, that Bate died in Hatton Garden 19 April 1668. [*Ibid. No.* 138.]

April 7. Warrant for a grant to John Fifield of the office of Receiver of First Fruits and Tenths, Sir John Prettyman having forfeited the office by abusing his trust, and being in great arrears; and his brother William, now executing the office, having given no security for payment of his receipts. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 102.]

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April 7. Court at Whitehall. Warrant for a grant to John, Joseph, and Philip Roettiers, brothers, engravers in stone, of the office of chief gravers of the Mint, with a salary of 450*l.*, they having, at the King's instance, left their native country to employ their art in his service. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 26, *f.* 54.]

April 7. Court at Whitehall. Grant of a licence to Peregrine Bertie to go into France for 7 months, for perfect recovery of his health. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *No.* 139.]

April 7. Minute of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *p.* 125.]

April. Court at Whitehall. Pass for Peregrine Bertie to go to France and return. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *No.* 140.]

April 7. Pass for 2 horses for the Duke of Ormond. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 125.]

April 7. Court at Whitehall. Warrant to allow Philip, Earl of Chesterfield, and his servant, to embark from any port for France or elsewhere. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *No.* 141.]

April 7. Minute of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *p.* 125.]

April 7. Licence for Sir Henry Jones to go and remain beyond sea for one year, and to return. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

[April 7.] Petition of John, Earl of Bath, Charles, Lord Gerard, and Sir Gilbert Talbot, to the King, showing that—on reference of a petition of the city of Chester, for commissioners to be appointed to consider the best means of removing the obstructions in the river Dee, to themselves [the citizens], and others,—they reported themselves unable to effect the said work, and wished able people might be empowered to undertake it. The petitioners request a grant of the overflowed lands, cos. Denbigh and Flint, in case they shall recover the same; the Dee, by being confined, would be rendered more navigable, and the trade of the city recovered. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *No.* 142.]

April 7. Reference of the above petition to the Treasury Commissioners. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 17.]

April 7. Court at Whitehall. Reference to the Treasury Commissioners of the petition of Major Edmund Ogar, for a grant of a house forfeited by the death of Stephen Van Wesendunck, an alien, of which Abraham Van Est, an alien, has not taken a further lease. [*Ibid. p.* 19.]

April 8. Approbation of John Stonehouse to be deputy-lieutenant for Berkshire. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 20, *p.* 197.]

April 8. Warrant for a grant of denization for Henry Peterson Cob, an alien. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 97.]

April 8. Warrant for Thomas, Viscount Fauconberg, to preserve the King's game within 5 miles of Newburgh, in the North Riding of Yorkshire. [*Ibid.*]

April 8. Warrant to pay to the Earl of Sandwich, Master of the Great Wardrobe, 4,000*l.*, to furnish a present to be sent to the Emperor of Morocco, by Henry, Lord Howard, Ambassador Extraordinary to him. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 36.]

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April 8. Portsmouth. St. J. Steventon to Pepys. I want blank pay books for Sir Thos. Allin's fleet, and directions as to splitting their books, if there is any occasion; the *Princess* has the longest time unpaid, beginning 1 Jan. 1667. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *No.* 143.]

April 8. Chatham. John Moore and Edw. Moorcock to the Navy Commissioners. We find there is 5 months' wages due to us, amounting to 221*l.*, which with 20*l.* ordered for taking up anchors, and other incident charges, makes 249*l.* 14*s.*, of which we desire payment, so as to satisfy our men; they would not have been kept employed had we not supplied them with one month's pay, borrowed on our own credit. We entreat you to come to some resolution about the wrecks, the season of the year requiring it, and the victuals being expended. [*Ibid. No.* 144.] *Enclosing,*

> *Account by John Moore and 2 others, of men entered on board the flyboat, to weigh wrecks in the Medway, with the wages due, and moneys disbursed for necessaries; total,* 249*l.* 13*s.* 10*d.* – *Chatham,* 8 *April* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 144I.]

April 8. Woolwich. Edw. Byland to Pepys. I have received and nearly expended the brimstone ordered, and beg for the remaining provisions demanded. I will launch the *Foresight* and *Jersey* next tide, and dock the *Assistance;* pray hasten Mr. Wood about the bowsprit; we want some bricklayers. I have borrowed 6 calkers of Mr. Shish, and chose 12 out of our shipwrights, or I should have been behind with the business. [*Ibid. No.* 145.]

April 8. Sir Edw. Spragg to Pepys. Let the breadroom of the *Revenge* be placed for better preservation of the bread. I had waited on you, but must be at St. James's. [*Ibid. No.* 146.]

April 8. Harwich. Capt. Thos. Langley to Pepys. I have let the Mayor and 4 or 5 of the chiefs of the town understand what you will do, and as to the 1½ year's rent of the yard, at 7*l.* a year, I told them not to question your help. The town has suffered much by being made a garrison, and not only so, but we have had to pay 40*l.* homage money and charges last week, for his Majesty being here; so we are now advised to beg something of the King, to help in some measure our losses; we ask 2 sunk Flemish fireships, without masts, whose works are much broken and defaced. We have made several friends at Court to that purpose, as Sir Thos. Littleton, Sir Charles Littleton, and we believe the Lord Chamberlain; when the business is brought before the Navy Commissioners, we hope you will appear for us. [*Ibid. No.* 147.]

April 8. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Sir Thos. Allin left for London yesterday, and gave orders for the men-of-war to come into the harbour; Sir Lawr. Van Hemseratt [Heemskirk] has arrived to go in the *Nonsuch.* [*Ibid. No.* 148.]

April 8. Deal. Morgan Lodge to Williamson. I return the enclosed, as the Ambassador and his servant were gone to sea. [*Ibid. No.* 149.]

April 8. Newhall. Thos. Gumble to Williamson. Pray acquaint me when any Irish bishopric falls void, and keep an eye on both the Secretaries' offices, that I may not be disappointed, as I have a friend for whom I am

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much concerned; I shall be very ambitious to make a full acknowledgment. The Duke of Buckingham parted from Newhall yesterday somewhat better; I hope before the end of the month he will obtain better health. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *No.* 150.]

April 9. Good Friday. Sir Wm. K[illigrew] to Williamson. One way to secure the prosecuting those forfeitures to the utmost is to join you in equal power and interest with my son Sir R. K[illigrew], who goes to Ireland to prosecute on my account. He has a fourth, and you shall have the same, so you will have half between you. This may incite you to purchase the whole of us, as soon as the grant is passed. I have written the Solicitor-General to stay drawing the warrant, till further direction from Lord Arlington. I cannot wait on his lordship till the Queen's devotions are over. [*Ibid. No.* 151.]

[April 9.] Statement by Sir Wm. Killigrew. His Majesty is pleased to grant 500*l.* each to 2 ladies out of a moiety of the Forfeitures.

Queries:—

1. How shall he be assured of the overplus?
2. How assured that the prosecutor will not desist, when the ladies are provided for?

Answers:—

The prosecutor will proceed for his own interest, whoever has the overplus, which cannot be hid, if the payments are entered in the Rolls Office.

If the grantee of the overplus will pay to each lady 200*l.* in advance, and 200*l.* when the first moneys come in, they will accept this 800*l.* instead of their 1,000*l.*

The prosecutor will also accept 400*l.* down, and 400*l.* as it comes in, for his share; thus overplus of the King's moiety may be of value.

It can be collected as a dividend with what is granted to the ladies. The money may be too long in coming in to supply their present needs, and if there be no overplus, the grant will fall short in the favour intended them. [*Ibid. No.* 152.]

April 9. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. A vessel has arrived from St. Malo, and 2 laden with corn; also the East Indiaman that was plundered by the Algiers pirate. I enclose letters. [*Ibid. No.* 153.]

April 9. Newmarket. Thos. Adamson to Rob. Francis. I cannot be silent on the loss of my dear friend's society, but when I consider how it may add to your happiness, though to mine and my wife's grief to part with her, I am in a measure pacified that you should be happy in my loss. I am now in the chamber you lay in at Newmarket, having hurt my right arm. I cannot endure the thought of parting at present, but Lady Wandesford will give a particular account of all things. Mr. Hawley and my wife join in remembrances to you. [*Ibid. No.* 154.]

April 9. Kirklees, 2 a.m. John Armytage, sheriff of Yorkshire, to Lord Arlington. Having a *habeas corpus* to remove Darcy Lassells from York to Chester, in order to his trial at the assizes, in passing by my house, he desired

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to speak with me, and then gave me the paper enclosed. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *No.* 155.] *Enclosing,*

> *Information of Darcy Lassells, suspected highwayman. George Marshall, an Anabaptist, living near Ripon, is employed to carry intelligence between the northern parts and London, and was one of the private council in London; he carried 20l. there to buy arms to kill the King and the Duke of Albemarle, and to surprise the Tower of London; Thos. Stoe, residing near Retford, was to have carried on the design. Timothy Warwick of Leeds furnished one of the 3 who were executed at Leeds with a mare, to go into the insurrection in Farnley Wood; Mark Ball and 5 others, named and described, were at that rising, and Davill, an innkeeper at the Queen's Head at Retford, Notts, was employed as intelligencer, both for the northern and southern parts, as to that rising.*
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> *Christopher Mansell, living in New King Street, St. Giles's, was employed to coin moneys for paying those persons who were in the plot for murdering the King and the Duke, and surprising the Tower. Ludlow, Dowleman, Whallay, and Lashlay, a Scot, were to head the parties, both at London and Farnley Wood. George Marshall of Ripon can discover as much as any man in England relating to the late plots, and to that in agitation. Major Greathead told me and Capt. Hanson of Halifax, and Capt. Lassells, that in case we could get a grant of the 5th part of the estates of* 4 *persons not named, he would discover and bring them, as of a new design, because the Duke of York had got a grant of the estates of all those persons who were in the late plots.* [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 155I.]

April 9. Lord Henry Howard to [Williamson]. I want a pass for 40 cases of pistols and 10 guns, from Flanders to England, as they are intended for his Majesty's service, for me to carry as part of his presents to Tafiletta. The gunsmiths have lately obtained some prohibition from his Majesty against bringing over foreign arms, but I believe the intention of that is for gunsmiths not to sell and make profit of them here. [*Ibid. No.* 156.]

April 9. Grant to Sir Thos. Sandys and other trustees for the loyal commissioned officers, of licence to set up plate lotteries in any part of England and Wales for 6 years. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 37.]

April 9. Humphrey Pibus to the Navy Commissioners. I have shipped 40 small masts in the *Providence* of Newcastle for London. Capt. Wettwang, who comes in the ship, made the freight with the master for 2*s.* 6*d.* a mast, which he hopes you will cause to be paid. I shall do what I can to ship the other 40, and then send an account of what I have disbursed. I entreat your remembrance of my debt for the *Flying Hound.* [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *No.* 157.]

April 9. Chatham. Phin. Pett to the Navy Commissioners. We finished the shipwright's works on the *Constant Warwick*, but cannot go forward

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with the bricklayer's, for want of lime, scuppers, and brass cocks. I send a certificate about Rankins of How, concerned in the information about the boat lent Mr. Kent. I hope it will not be thought to be done out of malice, as I do not know him, but I could not conceal it without betraying my trust. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *No.* 158.]

April 9. Deptford. John Ruffhead to the Navy Commissioners. Thanks for your care in relation to 50*l.* imprest for repairing anchors at Chatham; but I much admire your compliance with Mr. Littleton, in stopping more than one-third thereof for Mr. Fookes, contrary to your own order, which plainly says he was to be paid one-third of 246*l.* out of such moneys as should be ordered me, and the whole to be paid at 3 payments. Here you first order me 50*l.* imprest, to carry on the service, and then order one-third to be paid to Fookes, in part of debt, so that of the 50*l.* I have received (with as much trouble as it is half worth) I have only 33*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.*, and I leave you to judge how far it will go in carrying on 200*l.* worth of work. There is as much work performed as I have received money for, so I pray either to be allowed to desist, or to receive the remainder. I beg payment of 9 bills, total 365*l.* 2*s.* 1*d.*, for work done in 1668, and then Mr. Littleton can pay 80*l.* to Mr. Fookes, and take his receipt. I also need a warrant to deliver articles of ironwork, and to receive ready money for them, to make my heart glad, as you have made it sorrowful. [*Ibid. No.* 159.] *Encloses,*

> *Petition of John Ruffhead of Chatham, anchor smith, to the Navy Commissioners, to move his Royal Highness for an order to take off his hands some anchors and ironwork, made for the service in the late war; also to allow him some Swedish iron, old iron and anchors, now in the stores at Chatham, value* 1,000*l.*, *in lieu of his bills signed in* 1666 *and* 1667. [*Ibid. No.* 159i.]

April 10. Portsmouth. Commissioner J. Tippetts to Pepys. I could be more positive in setting 4 months as the time for launching the new ship, were I sure of a supply of materials to finish her, but timber will be wanted. I think it will not be amiss for Capt. Cox to spend some time at Chatham, and at the office, so as to acquaint himself with the work and method thereof; I need not remove till he settles here. I send an account in lieu of one lost. [*Ibid. No.* 160.]

April 10. Stockwith. Chris. Housley to the Navy Commissioners. I sailed from Woolwich with the hoys on 12 March, and arrived at the Humber on 31 March, after a stormy and tedious passage. I expect to be loaded in 7 days. [*Ibid. No.* 161.]

April 10. Pass from Lord Arlington for Capt. John Forshere—servant of Henry, Lord Howard, sent Ambassador to Morocco, &c.,—to Flanders, to bring thence 40 cases of pistols and 10 guns, being part of a present from the King to the Emperor of Morocco. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 125.]

April 10. Warrant from Lord Arlington to the Keepers of Richmond New Park, to receive 12 asses and a colt from St. James's Park, which being overstocked, the King, for the better feeding of the deer, removes them for this season; and to re-deliver them when required to Gervase Price, under-keeper of St. James's Park. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 126.]

April 10. Draft of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *No.* 162.]

April 10. Caveat in favour of the Bishop of Lincoln, that no warrant pass for corroboration of a title to the archdeaconry in Lincoln. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 32, *p.* 4.]

April 10. Gravesend. Sir John Griffith to Williamson. Two ships sailed for Barbadoes, and 2 for Virginia, the day before I received your letter. The searchers have examined their books, but find none such as you mention, so I despair of serving you in that particular. A very rich East India ship has passed towards London, and another is expected. I hope you will honour me with your company this summer at Gravesend, where you will be heartily welcomed. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *No.* 163.]

April 10. Lyme. Ant. Thorold to Hickes. The *Francis* has arrived from Morlaix, and 2 French vessels, but bring little news beyond the activeness of the French in raising men and fitting ships for (as they pretend) the relief of Candia. [*Ibid. No.* 164.]

April 11. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The wind still prevents Sir Thos. Allin's fleet from coming into the harbour; the small-pox is in some of the ships. The *Dragon* is to be commanded by Capt. Herbert, and will be ready for Spithead in a few days; Sir Laur. Van Heemskirk is on board the *Nonsuch.* [*Ibid. No.* 165.]

April 11. Deal. Rich. Watts to Williamson. Seven ships are turning out of the Downs bound for London, and 2 others yet remain there. The wind is N.E. with a fresh gale. [*Ibid. No.* 166.]

April 11. Portsmouth. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. I understand you can get no assurance of more than 1,600*l.*; when I know whether the timber bought by Capt. Deane is to be paid out of it, I shall find whether I have not already gone too far in contracting. The pursers' books would have been ready but for want of blank tickets; the ships are at Spithead waiting a fair wind. The *Roebuck* is ready to sail, and the *Dragon* wants only men and victuals. I have bought 190 loads of timber at 35*s.* and 38*s.* a load, and desire you will send down 20 loads of fir timber, for the upper works of the new ship. [*Ibid. No.* 167.]

April 12. Dr. John Fell, Vice-Chancellor of Oxford, to Williamson. Thanks for your preventing the Prince of Tuscany's visit [to Oxford] till we grow a better sight; I want directions for his reception. I send a specimen of our work in our new trade of printing, and hope it will be reputable to the University. We have in hand a seventh volume to be added to the Polyglott Bible, and a catalogue of the library. [*Ibid. No.* 168.]

April 12. Mrs. Frith's House, York Street, Covent Garden. Peter Pett to Williamson. I had considerable help from Sir Wm. Temple's papers, as to the business of the ship I look after on the King's behalf. I send the commission, which could not be had from the Admiralty until last Friday, and recommend its going away this

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night, as Mr. Rumbold, formerly Consul at Cadiz, says that letters for that place are only sent by Monday's post, and are 28 days going, and the commission must be executed by 1 June. I should not have advised burthening the King with the charge of postage, but for the necessity thereof, and in consideration of the great stake the King has in this affair. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *No.* 169.]

April 12. Jo. Cooke to Rob. Francis. I beg a copy of the letter the King wrote with his own hand to the Queen of Sweden by Mr. Thynne, as Sec. Trevor wants to see it. [*Ibid. No.* 170.]

April 12. Deal. Mor. Lodge to Williamson. Sir Wm. Godolphin having left, I return the packet of letters sent to him. [*Ibid. No.* 171.]

April 12. Jersey. R. Manley to Rob. Francis. I could not omit the opportunity of sending you a letter, as my friend the bearer, Sir Edw. Carteret, promised to deliver it with his own hand. I am confident you will thank me for Sir Edward's acquaintance, he being a person of honour and honesty, and having the reputation of being an excellent friend. I expect the Governor's return, to come and kiss your hands. [*Ibid. No.* 172.]

April 13. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. A vessel has arrived from Virginia, and confirms the news of a good crop, and of the place being in a thriving condition. The *Speedwell* and another frigate have sailed westward, to convoy the Newfoundland ships into the Straits. [*Ibid. No.* 173.]

April 13. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Sir Thos. Allin's squadron are come into the harbour and are unrigged, expecting the paymaster this week. Sir Thomas proceeds again on the same service, and has made choice of the *Resolution*, which has been ordered in to be fitted for sea. [*Ibid. No.* 174.]

April 13. Grant to Dr. [Nath.] Crew, of the Deanery of Chichester, void by death of Dr. [Jos.] Gulston. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 19, *p.* 102.]

April. Docquet of the above, dated April 15. [*Docquet* 24, *No.* 39.]

April 13. The King to the Vice-Chancellor and Senate of Cambridge. We wish you, on recommendation of your Chancellor, the Earl of Manchester, to admit Hezekiah Burton, B.D., to the degree of D.D., although his duties as chaplain to Lord Keeper Bridgeman prevent his performance of the usual exercises. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 27, *f.* 147.]

April 13. Commission for Fras. Trelawny to be captain in Sir Arthur Basset's company in the regiment under John, Earl of Middleton. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 29, *p.* 32.]

April 13. Portsmouth. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. I will put the warrant for fitting out the *Resolution* into execution. I want a supply of deals, oil, and tar. Mayle's timber bought by Capt. Deane will be a great loss to him, if left on his hands after being squared. I request that the bill given to Mr. Eastwood may be paid to Mr. Hewer. The 5 ships have come into port, and if they are to be fitted, I must send you another demand. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *No.* 175.]

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April 13. Portsmouth. St. J. Steventon to Pepys. I distributed the pay and muster books to the pursers, who are making them up. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *No.* 176.]

April 14. M. Wren to Pepys. The Council sitting in the forenoon, it will not be convenient for the Board to attend his Royal Highness until the afternoon. If you consult the orders formerly given concerning the *Portland*, you will find them sufficient. [*Ibid. No.* 177.]

April 14. Grant of the union of the churches of Fakenham Parva and Euston, co. Suffolk, and grant to Henry, Lord Arlington, patron of Euston, of the advowson of Fakenham Parva, provided the same person be presented to both livings. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 38.]

April 14. Warrant to the Master of the Great Wardrobe to pay to John Goodgroome, musician for the lute and voice in place of Hen. Purcell, deceased, 80*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* as his livery for 5 years past, and to allow him 16*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* yearly. [*Ibid.*]

April 14. Warrant to pay to Rich. Ryder, master carpenter in place of John Davenport, deceased, 103*s.* 4*d.*; to John Wilkinson, chief locksmith in place of Michael Bastian, 17*l.* for 2 years' livery; and to Hen. Phillips, sculptor and carver in place of Maximilian Portram, *alias* Colt, 64*l.* for 8 years' livery; also to each of the said persons their allowances for liveries at All Saints' Day next. [*Ibid.*]

April 14. Dispensation to Sam. Gardner, M.A., to hold the rectory of Buckland, co. Gloucester, with that of Beaconsfield, co. Bucks, provided he give security to his diocesan to resign the former within 1½ years of his being quietly possessed of the latter. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 19, *p.* 102. *See p.* 268 *supra.*]

April 14. The Messenger's House. M. de la Fabvollière to Williamson. I am sorry to hear of the false reports made by my enemies. I know you are too just to be prejudiced by them, and pray God to show the truth and the sincerity of my intentions for his Majesty's service, and my grief at my fault. I must employ all my friends, and Lord Arlington, to obtain his Majesty's pardon and my liberty. [*French. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *No.* 178.]

April 14. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Hickes. The *Hopewell* has arrived from Bordeaux with wine; also the *Expedition* from Malaga, with wine and fruit, which came out with 18 more merchantmen, and 3 Dutch men-of-war; but the Dutchmen, espying two Turks men-of-war, made up to them, and it is thought carried them. They afterwards met with 3 of Sir Thos. Allin's fleet, who took little notice of them.

I hear by a vessel from St. Malo, that 2 great ships loading there for Cadiz on the King's account, began to unload again, for fear of a war with Spain; but they afterwards reloaded to proceed on their voyage. They also met with 2 French men-of-war, which would have made them strike, but on refusing, they parted. The French King is pressing seamen for his service. [*Ibid. No.* 179.]

April 14. Same to Williamson. To the same effect. [1½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 180.]

April 14. Yarmouth. [Rich. Bower to Williamson.] I told you in my letter of 14 Dec. last, that several persons had been taken into the Common Council

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here, who had not renounced the covenant, the bailiffs saying it should be done at one of their houses. That it was not done at all appears by Capt. Thos. Ravens, Mr. Bridges' son-in-law, and one of our present chamberlains, who, until Bridges was required to leave the town, made his house a meeting-place for Nonconformists. He has now wholly deserted the Church, and goes to the Independents.

An assembly of Aldermen and Common Council being called for electing an alderman, Capt. Ravens was chosen, and before the assembly, openly declared himself offended at the report spread abroad that he had renounced the covenant, which he never did, nor in conscience could. Upon this the assembly would not admit him as alderman, but gave him time until the next assembly to consider of it; as he has become a convert to the Independents, there is no doubt but they will dissuade him from it. Their new meeting-place has become too little to receive them, and a member informed me that if this toleration continues, they shall erect a fair church in our south end. Sixty vessels have sailed to the northward. The *Forester* is in the Downs, bound for Iceland to convoy the Iceland Fishery; also a vessel for the Straits. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *No.* 181.]

April 14. Warrant to Sam. Botley, messenger, to apprehend Ant. Cape at Mr. Sturdy's house, opposite Somerset House, and bring him before Sec. Trevor. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 28, *f.* 22.]

April 14.
Whitehall.
Certificate by Lord Arlington that on 25 Feb. last, Sir Wm. Godolphin took leave of His Majesty, previous to his embassy as Envoy Extraordinary to the King and Queen Regent of Spain. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 127.]

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St. Albans.
Sarah Sympson to Williamson. Pray speak to Lord Arlington to retain me in the place I hold, and I will faithfully and diligently attend, if you will trust me. I hear that Sir John Bennet has the business left to him, and if it is so, I beg you will speak to him also on my behalf. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *No.* 182.]

April 15.
Newmarket.
Michael Haley to Rob. Francis. Thanks for your letter. I hope the noble lady of whom you speak is safely there, and desire respects to her. God has provided her a coach at her door, and I question not but it was so ordained in Heaven, to the end that my service may not be accepted, though it would be freely done.

As to my affairs in Ireland, I was left 200*l.* a year in lands in co. Limerick, by my father and friends who died before the wars, and my mother was turned out of all by Cromwell, merely for her religion, I being in France, as my friend, Lord Philip Howard, the Lord Almoner to the Queen, well knows. I complained to him, but he could say nothing, only pity me. I have all my deeds and writings, but no possession. I never acted against the King nor against Cromwell, only I am a Roman Catholic, which privilege I would not lose for 7 kingdoms. I beg you will inquire into the state of those affairs, in regard a new deputy goes soon to that kingdom, and certify to me what might be done. [*Ibid. No.* 183.]

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April 15. Milford. John Powell to Hickes. The yacht *Monmouth* has left with Lord Burlington for Youghall. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *No.* 184.]

April 15. Same to Williamson. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 185.]

April 15. Portsmouth. [Ben. Johnson] to Williamson. Sir Thos. Allin's ships did not come into harbour till Sunday, although the *Gazette* says Thursday; most of them are unrigging to be laid up, and the *Resolution* is ordered to be fitted out. The *Roebuck* has sailed for St. David's Head, to carry the Duchess of Ormond to Ireland; the *Nonsuch* and other ships named are riding at Spithead, or in the road. [*Ibid. No.* 186.]

April 15. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. There are only the *Monmouth* and *Yarmouth* to be laid up, the rest of Sir Thos. Allin's squadron being ordered to be fitted for sea again. Sir Rob. Holmes has arrived, on his way to his government in the Isle of Wight. The *Nonsuch* is at Spithead, and Capt. John Holmes is to succeed Sir Law. Van Hemseratt in that command. The *Arms* of London, with corn from Holland, has put in, having sprung a leak. [*Ibid. No.* 187.]

April 15. The *Tiger*. Jacob Bonoricis to Lord Arlington. I have arrived at Plymouth from Leghorn, and I want to know how I shall come to you in London, being a stranger. Capt. Digby of the *Montague* is coming to London; I request an order to come with him. [*Ibid. No.* 188.]

April 15 Alcester. Math. Crabb to Viscount Conway, Queen Street, London. I have furnished Wm. Temple with 30*l.*, and charged a bill for it on your lordship. Lady Lee still holds up her head, which puts many in a wonderment, as well as your lordship, but my wife says she has reason to believe her ladyship may well delay until you come down. Rich. Kemson, my wife, and I, intend waiting on her today, and shall be glad to hear that she has her babe in her arms. [*Ibid. No.* 189.]

April 15. Warrant from Sec. Trevor to Sam. Botley and Thos. Dixon, messengers of the Chamber, to convey Ant. Cape from Westminster to Dover, and deliver him into the custody of the Mayor, bringing back a certificate of his delivery. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 28, *f.* 22.]

April 15. Whitehall. Warrant from Sec. Trevor to John Matson, Mayor of Dover, to take Ant. Cape into custody, and cause him to be put on board the very first packet-boat for Nieuport, in Flanders; with strict charge to the master of the boat to set him on shore, and to bring a satisfactory certificate of his having so done. [*Ibid.*]

April 15. The *Ruby*, Woolwich. Capt. Rob. Robinson to the Navy Commissioners. We arrived here last night, and are despatching out the guns and other things, for more secure riding. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *No.* 190.]

April 15. Capt. Valentine Tatnell to Pepys. I want an appointment to command one of the vessels to be sent to sound the Galloper Sands, being acquainted with them. [*Ibid. No.* 191.]

April 15. Portsmouth. Capt. John Holmes to the Navy Commissioners. I have received a commission and orders to sail with the *Nonsuch* for the Straits, and desire a supply of stores of all sorts; also some provisions, having but 2 months' aboard. [*Ibid. No.* 192.]

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April 15. Portsmouth. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. I desire an order for supplying the *Nonsuch*, Capt. Holmes, the commander, demanding stores for a southern voyage; the ship has only 2 months' victuals on board, and is very ill-manned. I shall employ the 1,000*l.*, ordered for my disposal, to the best advantage. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *No.* 193.]

April 15. *Mary* yacht, Dublin. Capt. James Sharland to the Navy Commissioners. I desired Wm. Sarsfield, purser of the *Harp*, 1½ years ago, to carry a ticket to London for Rich. Butler, a servant of mine, for 18*l.* 16*s.*; I never signed any other, nor Mr. Sarsfield either. I cannot imagine how anyone could come by the books to counterfeit it. Sarsfield has the true ticket; it would be a great loss to lose such a perquisite; I hope you will consider it, that I may not suffer altogether. [*Ibid. No.* 194.]

April 15. Certificate by Wm. Burroughs that Capt. Ben. Simonds, of the *Swallow* ketch, has passed his victualling account, between 4 June and 21 July. [*Ibid. No.* 195.]

April 15. Deptford. John Huntington, master of the *Adam and Eve* ketch, to the Navy Commissioners. I want orders as to repairs and a supply of victuals. I shall unload the timber to-day. [*Ibid. No.* 196.]

April 15. Statement signed by Ralph Smith, warden, Roger Norton, and Sam. Mearne, on behalf the Stationers' Company. King James, in the first year of his reign, by patent granted the company licence to imprint all manner of primers, psalters, and Psalms, in metre or prose, and prohibited all others to print, sell, or cause to be printed or sold any such books, under the pain of forfeiture. Sam. Speed, stationer in London, has surreptitiously obtained a licence from Sam. Parker, chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury, for a book entitled "The King's Primer," which is now printing, which licence Mr. Parker has since revoked. Sam. Speed also obtained another licence in like manner for a book entitled "*Psalterium Carolinum; or*, the King's Psalter," &c., from Thos. Grigg, chaplain to the Bishop of London, which said licence Mr. Grigg has also revoked. [*Ibid. No.* 197.]

April 16. Warrant to search for and seize "The King's Primer," and the "*Psalterium Carolinum*, or, the King's Psalter," printed by Sam. Speed, stationer, of London, under licences which have been revoked, and also printed contrary to the patent granted by King James to the Stationers' Company. [*Draft. Ibid. No.* 198.]

April 16. Chatham. Papers relating to goods said to be embezzled, viz.:—

——— to [John] Wilson, dock storekeeper. I stood in my yard, and saw the *Sovereign's* boat bring a cable, and put it aboard John Morecock's ketch.—31 March. [*Ibid. No.* 199.]

T——— to Mr. Wilson and Mr. Grigg. Mistress Waters stood upon her wharf, and saw Steven Rose and 4 others bring a cable, and some twice-laid stuff, aboard the ketch, made of the King's stuff by Roger, a ropemaker, and John Morecock had the stuff in his yard; Thos. Godden saw this. If you do not

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call them to the oath, you will hear further of it.—8 April 1669. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *No.* 200.]

Affidavit by Dorothy Waters and Thos. Godden, that the information given by one unknown, that the deponents saw a cable put on board John Morecock's ketch, is false.—Chatham, 15 April 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 201.]

Certificate by Wm. Rand and 2 others, that on 9 April they strictly surveyed the cables, &c., of the *Royal Sovereign*, and found that she had on board all that she was charged with.—16 April 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 202.]

April 16. Newcastle. Humphrey Pibus to the Navy Commissioners. I boarded the *John* of Chatham, John Morecocke master, on coming in here, but found no such cable as intimated, nor anything else but her proper tackle; if he had any such cable or rigging, he must have put it aboard some ship at sea, or left it in the harbour that he came from. I also searched 4 ships that came in with Morecock, but found nought. [*Ibid. No.* 203.]

April 16. Chatham. Phineas Pett to the Navy Commissioners. I am willing that his Majesty should have the timber bought by me of the Duke of Richmond upon reasonable rates, but desire to be excused giving any report of it, being a proprietor, and his Majesty's servant. Upon a view and report being made, I will set a price. [*Ibid. No.* 204.]

April 16. Chatham. Account by John Moore and Edw. Moorcock, of what is necessary for carrying on the weighing of the wrecks in the Medway, if anything more is intended this summer. [*Ibid. No.* 205.]

April 16. Court at Whitehall. Warrant to Gilbert, Archbishop of Canterbury, to grant a dispensation to Dr. Charles Mason, King's chaplain, to hold the rectory of Stower-Provost, co. Dorset, with St. Mary Woolchurch, London, the latter church being totally consumed by the late fire in London, and also the rectory of St. Peter's Poor, London, to which he is now collated. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 27, *f.* 10.]

April 16. Licence to Aden Bagot, cornet of Sir Henry Jones's company, to travel beyond seas for one year. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 29, *p.* 33.]

April 16. Chelsea. William [Fuller], Bishop of [Lincoln, late Bishop of] Limerick, to Williamson, Goring House. I never heard of Lord Arlington's illness until Sunday, when I sent to inquire, and heard the happy news that he had lost the fever; is he out of danger? When you have an opportunity, let him know that I have prayed with all my heart for his recovery. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *No.* 206.]

April 16. Windsor. Concluding part of a letter by Charles Whittaker, with an endorsement, asking a lady to send the nature of a petition, and substance of a report, and the date; also note of reply that the report was made in June, July, or Aug. 1661, and delivered about November or December, and was for suffering or money lent. Whittaker thinks it was registered about Nov. or Dec. 1661. [*See Calendar* 1661–2, *p.* 485. *Ibid. No.* 207.]

April 16. Deal. Rich. Watts to Williamson. The wind is between north and east, and only the *Orange* is in the Downs. [*Ibid. No.* 208.]

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April 16. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. The *Montague* and *Tiger*, two of Sir Thos. Allin's squadron, have arrived from the Straits; 6 or 8 merchant ships came under their convoy from Cadiz, but they lost them in a storm. A vessel has come in from Ireland with hides and tallow, and several others have been seen in the offing. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 258, *No.* 209.]

April 17. Coventry. Ralph Hope to Williamson. John Olds, a young mercer here, and newly set up for himself, being some time in league with Mary, daughter of Capt. Owen, a citizen of good repute, the business proceeded so far that they had been thrice asked in church, and nothing remained but to celebrate the nuptials; but she desired, before she would be married, once again to see London, where she had once lived.

Whether she then renewed some old acquaintance, or entertained some new favourite, is not known; but on her return, she expressed so much indifference and coldness, that in the morning after their meeting, Olds was found drowned in a well, into which he must have got with great difficulty, it being covered at the top, and the entrance so narrow that it was thought impossible for a less man to have got in. He had lately been at London, where he bought goods, mostly on credit, to the value of 1,400*l.* or 1,500*l.*, which are all seized upon by the sheriffs. It is pretended he was *non compos mentis*, but the jury have not yet given their verdict. His brother, also a mercer in town, has fallen distracted, and his wench so repents it, that it is feared it may endanger her life or wits. It is a matter of great grief to our new congregation, of which they were both zealous members; but it illustrates that profession is but a weak protection against the devil and women, from whose temptations I hope Heaven will preserve me and you. [1¼ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 259, *No.* 1.]

April 17. Hull. Charles Whittington to Williamson. Some vessels are expected from the East with corn, contrary to his Majesty's proclamation; being searcher of the port of Hull, things of that nature require my observation. This proclamation has not, as others have done, empowered searchers to seize or secure the goods, and therefore I desire to be informed what has been ordered by his Majesty and Council to be done by the Customs' officers, if any corn be imported, and I will proceed accordingly. [*Ibid. No.* 2.]

April 17. The King to the Attorney-General. Many ancient houses of the Crown having been demolished, we have taken a liking to Audley End, Essex, and purchased it from James, Earl of Suffolk, for 50,000*l.*; the payment is to be made from the revenues of Ireland, 20,000*l.* at once, and 30,000*l.* within 4 years. A bill is to be made out accordingly for payment of the said sum, with order to Sir George Carteret, Vice-Chamberlain of the Household and Treasurer of War for Ireland, to pay the same out of branches specified of the revenue; also care to be taken that the said mansion—with its boundaries duly described on a *constat* by the Surveyor-General, approved by the Treasury Commissioners—be well and sufficiently

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conveyed to the Crown. With memorandum that a former warrant to the same purpose was cancelled and renewed as this. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 26, *f.* 55.]

April 17. Report by Lord Holles, on an order of Council requiring him to state what is fit to be done for the relief of Sir Francis Topp and Company. I find they complain of great losses sustained in 1664, whilst living at St. Malo, by the French seizing their goods in time of peace, in the very harbours of France, where they had been brought in the way of trade, and where—by several treaties, and the law of nations,—they ought to have been free from arrest, the owners not having done anything to forfeit their interest. If such a course is suffered, it will be the destruction of all commerce between the two kingdoms, and it is very dishonourable to his Majesty, that the public faith should be broken to his subjects, who trade under his protection, by virtue of treaties between the two Crowns.

Sir F. Topp's is not a single case, the like having been done several times to the English merchants at Rouen, who are not yet free of trouble about a capture at sea, made in 1616, by an English privateer, of a French ship belonging to one Delaunay, valued but at 6,000 livres. While I was Ambassador in France, 2 English ships coming into harbour at Marseilles, when they had landed their goods and paid all duties, were seized upon, and notwithstanding all my solicitations, were not discharged, but given some months after to the East India Company there, they pretending some of their ships to have been formerly taken by the English.

I hear the same usage is threatened, if not begun, against the English at St. Jean de Luz, for reparation of the widow De Lazin, for some goods of her late husband's, taken from him here by Parliament in 1643; so all this makes me fearful it will become a constant custom, if not prevented. I think all care should be taken for prevention of it; and for this case of Sir Francis Topp and Company, in the first place, a fair application should be made to the French King, as well by his Ambassador here, as by his Majesty's Ambassador at Paris, for the just satisfaction of the petitioners, which it may be hoped will prove effectual; should it not, it will then be time for his Majesty to consider what is further to be done, for the vindication of his own honour and the protection of his subjects. [*Printed. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 259, *No.* 3.]

April 17. Dublin. Wm. Penn to the Navy Commissioners. I discharged the men of the *Harp*, and secured the ship as instructed. I have made up the books, and delivered a list to Alderman Hutchinson of the 27 men to be paid, 3 being discharged before; the pay of all the men amounted to 1,574*l.* 4*s.*; of this 571*l.* 16*s.* 1*d.* is in my hands, which Hutchinson will pay them when their accounts are passed. We paid to the 27 men 16*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* conduct money, allowing 150 miles from Kinsale to Dublin, and I have received 20*l.* imprest from the alderman. [*Ibid. No.* 4.]

April 17. John Barnard, purser of the *Henrietta*, to the Navy Commissioners. I was dismissed on Sir Frescheville Hollis' taking the command,

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and have been sick ashore until within 6 weeks. Mr. Deuxell succeeded me without any survey, which has been much to my detriment, particularly in clothes, having delivered 105*l.* worth to the company, the bills for which have been given to Mr. Deuxell, who has received part of the money. Particulars of grievances. If this great cheat is not prevented, I shall be undone, not being able to pay the slopseller. I left 20*l.* worth of clothes on board, and can have no account of them, and my box was broken open and 8*l.* taken out of it. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 259, *No.* 5.]

April 17. Woolwich. Edw. Byland to Pepys. I desire that some sawyers whom I caused to be made run [*i.e.*, reported as runaways] may be admitted into the yard again, and not lose their wages. I have sent some more men aboard the *Jersey*, and am making all haste so as to appease Col. Middleton's anger. Let the lead scuppers, and other things formerly demanded, be sent down from Deptford. [*Ibid. No.* 6.]

April 18. Hull. Joseph Blaydes to the Navy Commissioners. Do not forget me because at a great distance and out of sight. The want of the money due to my late father hinders my trade, and undoes poor men who have wrought hard for it, and who all think and say that I have got it, which puts me to endless trouble. [*Ibid. No.* 7.]

April 18. Portsmouth. Capt. John Tinker to Pepys. I thought Capt. Ansley was to have stayed at Deptford till I came from hence, his presence not being necessary while I was on the place. I will make all the haste possible to be at my duty, and beg my house rent may be allowed. [*Ibid. No.* 8.]

April 18. Whitehall. M. Wren to Pepys. I send orders, the contents of which I have communicated to Mr. Tippetts, and desired him to do what was fitting therein. I need not remind you of coming here this afternoon. [*Ibid. No.* 9.]

April 18. Portsmouth. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. I am sorry that you have grounds to fear making good your contract, and that the credit of the Board may be yet exposed, and the stores remain unfurnished with timber. The 302 trees are sold to Cozens of Portsmouth; I could have closed the bargain with him for them at 40*s.* a load; I think he would accept it, as he has promised that none shall be butted till 14 days are over.

The 3 victuallers have arrived, and are much troubled at their stoppage. I want 20 able calkers; Lawrence Williams, a calker, may procure and come down with them; those sent from Deptford are very inefficient. The country affords no fir timber, and deals will soon be wanting. The *Dragon* has but 64 men entered, whereof 9 are from London, and refuse to go on board without conduct money to fetch their clothes. The pursers promise to send up their books. [1½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 10.]

April 18. Newport [Isle of Wight]. Sir Rob. Holmes to Williamson. I have heard nothing from you or your men since being here, though I expected to the contrary. Let me be supplied with the weekly news, and send me my instructions; if you neglect me at this rate, I am resolved not to trouble myself with doing your business any more. I hold an Admiralty

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Court here to-day with great formality, to the general satisfaction of the whole country. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 259, *No.* 11.]

April 19. Pass for Sir Nicholas Armorer's horses to go to Ireland. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 128.]

April 19. Wareham. Thos. Adamson to Rob. Francis. I have not received one line either from you or Mrs. Moundeford, as to whether she came safe to London; you cannot imagine what fear we are in for her safety, her mother being so lately dead, and herself hurried away in an hour's notice, since which we have not received one word of her being alive. If we must not be happy, either in her company or in discoursing by letter, we shall wish we had not so dearly loved her. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 259, *No.* 12.]

April 19. Oxford. Rich. Sherlock to Rob. Francis. I thank you and Squire Williamson for the trouble I gave you last August respecting my son. I have been abroad 5 or 6 weeks, and on my return, found him worse; as the doctor says he will not be better until he has had the King's touch again, I want to know when I shall bring him for that purpose. [*Ibid. No.* 13.]

April 19. Pendennis. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. Some English vessels have come in from Bordeaux, laden with wine for London. They came out with a considerable number, but dispersed with storms. An English vessel from Malaga, laden with fruit, reports that the Turkish men-of-war so much infest them, that they came out some 18 in company, yet were followed by 2 of 50 guns apiece; and that 2 Dutch men-of-war bore up, gave the Turks chase, and as is supposed, took them. Other vessels have come in from places named. [*Ibid. No.* 14.]

April 19. [Sir] J. B[ennet] to Lord Arlington. I have scribbled over a rough draft and beg you will let Williamson mend and prepare it for the Council, at the hearing. [*Ibid. No.* 15.] *Affixing,*

Petition of Henry, Lord Arlington, and John, Lord Berkeley, Farmers of the Profits of the General Letter Office, &c., to the Duke of York. We have taken to farm the profits of the Letter Office, at a considerable increase of rent, under confidence of enjoying the same, with all the emoluments and benefits, in as ample a manner as any former Postmaster-General, by virtue of the Act of Parliament, and according to his Majesty's proclamation. The collection of letters and packets, and the horsing of men for hire, by persons not authorised from the Postmaster-General, are strictly prohibited; yet nevertheless several carriers, stage coaches, and others named, take upon themselves to collect letters, to an incredible number, and in some stages, double to what the post brings, by which means the just profits and dues are very much impaired. By these encroachments the rights of the office are invaded, and the farm, which is a considerable part of your Royal Highness' revenue, will be much lessened in value. In 1646, *the like proceedings almost proved fatal to the letter office, so we beg timely remedies.* [1¼ *pages, corrected by Williamson. Ibid. No.* 15I.]

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Phineas Pett to the Navy Commissioners. Are the *Dreadnought* and *Golden Hand* to be sheathed; if so, timber will be wanted for them; if they are to be fitted with despatch for the Mediterranean, I shall require an order for entering more joiners. If the *Revenge* were thought a fit ship for the voyage, she would want nothing but cleaning. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 259, *No.* 16.]

April 20.
Chatham.

John Ruffhead to Col. Thos. Middleton. I have sent a petition to the Board, requesting them to move his Royal Highness that my anchors may be taken off my hands, and that I may have the money for them, and have also the old anchors and iron in the stores, in lieu of part of my bills for 1666 and 1667, so as to enable me to satisfy my creditors. Pray stand my friend, and get the business done. [*Ibid. No.* 17.]

April 20.
Dublin.

Wm. Penn to the Navy Commissioners. I send the muster and pay books for the *Harp.* I discharged the men on 3 April, understanding money was then ready at Dublin, and put a man in the ship, who stands charged by indent to remain in her; I gave Alderman Hutchinson a list of those to be paid, and he will do this when the accounts are passed. Repetition of the information contained in his letter of the 17th. [*Ibid. No.* 18.]

April 20.

Certificate by Wm. Sheldon, that the ordinary of the *Golden Phœnix* have appeared at the monthly musters ever since the ship was sunk, but given little attendance at other times. [*Ibid. No.* 19.]

April 20.
Whitehall.

M. Wren to Pepys. His Royal Highness desires the Navy Commissioners to attend him to-morrow, and come prepared to speak with the Lords of the Treasury concerning a supply of money for carrying on the extraordinary charge of the Navy, over and above what the 200,000*l.* appointed for this year's ordinary will answer. [*Ibid. No.* 20.]

April 20.
Portsmouth.

Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. I have supplied the *Nonsuch* for her Straits' voyage, and for her tallowing when she arrives at Cadiz; the captain is trying to fill up his number of men. We are in hand with the fitting of the *Mary* and two others; I have sent to Mr. Coles to hasten a supply of plank. I send 2 contracts for timber, and a demand for tar. I am advised of 1,000 Bergen deals, and some rosin and train-oil at Southampton, which can be had at prices named. [*Ibid. No.* 21.]

April 20.
Treasury Chambers.

Sir George Downing to the Navy Commissioners. His Royal Highness having given directions for felling as many trees in the New Forest as will suffice for a second-rate ship, to be built at Portsmouth, the Lords of the Treasury desire to know how many tons will be necessary before giving directions. [*Ibid. No.* 22.]

April 20.

Roger Baker, purser of the *Dartmouth,* to the Navy Commissioners. I send an account of what I am out of purse and damaged by Captain Trevanion, but it is not a third of the sum he is debtor to me for since he has been in the ship. I question

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not but his Royal Highness has referred his barbarous beating and tyrannical usage of me to your Board, where I am confident I shall find justice. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 259, *No.* 23.]

April 20. Woolwich. Edw. Byland to Col. Thos. Middleton. Mr. Stafford is an able man, and has very good provisions for building boats for the frigates now going out from this place. I am sorry for your indisposition. [*Ibid. No.* 24.]

April 20. Portsmouth. B. J. [Ben. Johnson] to Williamson. The *Nonsuch* is taking in more victuals at Spithead for her voyage. Two Dutch men-of-war have sailed, with 3 great merchant ships which came under their convoy from the Straits, and an English ship with tobacco, for Holland. The *Mary, Princess, Bristol,* and *Resolution* are fitting for the Straits, and 3 great vessels have come into harbour, with a supply of victuals for the fleet. Sir Rob. Holmes, Governor and Vice-Admiral of Newport, has arrived, and held a court of general inquiry, for settlement of the Lord Admiral's jurisdiction, and regulation of maritime affairs, so long neglected on the coast, which will be revived in other parts adjacent to the sea. [*Ibid. No.* 25.]

April 20. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Nightingale, Montague,* and *Tiger* are in Portland Road, where they met with 3 French men-of-war, one of which called to the *Montague* to bear up to his admiral, but he refused; whereupon the French made as though they purposed abuse, but went away without doing anything. [*Ibid. No.* 26.]

April 20. Treasury Chambers, Whitehall. Sir George Downing to Mr. Wardour. The Treasury Commissioners desire you will hasten the account to them of what is in arrear on the Additional Aid, from each county and place. [*Ibid. No.* 27.]

April 20. J. Cory to Williamson. Sir Bernard Gascoigne telling me that he acquainted you with the contents of a paper enclosed, and begged you to further the effect thereof, I have presumed to leave the management of it to you. It is not a year since the person it concerns left the service of Major Bill, the King's printer, in which, for 4 years before, he demeaned himself honestly; as his age is not 25, he cannot be a notorious malefactor. If his Majesty can be prevailed with to transport him, I have directions to present you with 50 pieces of gold, and the acknowledgments of Sir Bernard and myself. [*Ibid. No.* 28.]

April 20. London. Minute by the Navy Commissioners, that 676*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* is due to James Johnson, merchant of Yarmouth, for stores named, delivered by him at Chatham and Harwich, in Dec. 1666, and April 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 29.]

April 20. Whitehall. Note by Williamson that Sir Gabriel Silvius, his Majesty's Envoy to the Elector of Brandenburg, left London for Holland on his way to Berlin 3 Feb., and took leave of his Majesty 1 or 2 Feb. [*Ibid. No.* 30.]

April 20. Whitehall. Petition of Rich. Pyle, first serjeant-surgeon, to the King, for an order for payment of his annuity with arrears; had 106*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

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allowance granted on the Restoration, with 150*l.* pension for 10 years' service to his Majesty as Prince of Wales, but has received nothing hitherto, and hears that the pension with arrears is lately suspended. With reference thereon to the Treasury Commissioners. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 259, *No.* 31.]

April 20. Entry of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 19.]

April 20. Licence to John Ogilby to print an exact description of Africa, by command of Lord Arlington. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 127.]

April 21. Licence for the *Three Warriors* of Hamburg, laden with materials for re-building London, to unlade, although, being frozen in the port of Brewig, Norway, she did not reach Ousley Bay till 25 March last, being the last day limited by order of Council for the importing of the said materials. [*Ibid. f.* 128.]

April 21. Pass for ——— Austin and 4 horses to France. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

April 21. Pass for 3 horses to the Constable of Castile. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

April 21. Minute of the 2 preceding entries. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 259, *No.* 32.]

April 21. Warrant for a lease to George, Viscount Grandison, and Edw. Villiers, of Oatlands House and park, Surrey, for 31 years, after the decease of the Queen Mother. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 128.]

[April 21.] Draft of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 259, *No.* 33.]

April 21. Warrant for a grant to Edm. Pears of 84*l.* 13*s.* 9*d.*, remaining in the hands of the sheriff of Middlesex, the proceeds of the sale of the goods of Fras. Crane, prosecuted to an outlawry by the said Pears for a debt of 120*l.* [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 26, *f.* 58.]

April 21. Yarmouth. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Departure of 20 ships for Sunderland and Newcastle, and arrival of one from Gallipoli, with oils; a few others are also here. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 259, *No.* 34.]

April 21. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Hickes. The *Fortune*, from Amsterdam, reports that the States are fitting out 12 ships for the Straits; they will sail by the first fair wind. The *Virgin*, from Rochelle, says that the French West India fleet has gone to sea, and that another is preparing. [*Ibid. No.* 35.]

April 21. Same to Williamson. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 36.]

April 22. Chatham. Phin. Pett to the Navy Commissioners. Is the *St. David* to be sheathed, being ordered for the Mediterranean? If so, you must send down board for it, we having none in store. I also want orders as to sheathing the *Dreadnought* and *Golden Hand*, and entering joiners and shipwrights to despatch the works, and also a supply of plank. [*Ibid. No.* 37.]

April 22. Woolwich. W. Hannam to the Navy Commissioners. I need lighters to take out the casks of the *Ruby*, also an order to build a lighter, as

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those here are gone to decay, so that ships drawing 14 feet may stop at Halfway Tree till their guns are got out; they take much hurt by coming up and grounding here, we having but 12 feet of water at spring tides. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 259, *No.* 38.]

April 22. Portsmouth. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. I perceive there is not so much haste required in fitting the *Princess* as the *Mary, Primrose,* and *Bristol;* let the fir timber to be sent be of good scantlings. I suppose the pursers have got their books ready to send up. I have bought 4 lasts of tar, and can have good rosin at 9*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* a ton. I have been fain to pay for things named out of money allotted for other uses, having none in store; I send a demand of those required. The workmen complain of their great want of money; I hope that the quarter promised is remembered, and that the monthly pay will be continued. The officers of the yard desire to be paid for the same time, which they say is done in other yards. [*Ibid No.* 39.]

April 22. Certificate by John Miller, churchwarden, that Rebecca Hill of Ratcliffe, Stepney, widow, is grandmother to John and Rebecca Harley,—the two children of Capt. John Harley, deceased, who commanded the *Willoughby,*—and keeps them. [*Ibid. No.* 40.]

April 22. John Snell to Williamson. The poor woman's petition to the King, upon which there was a reference to the Earl of Clarendon, being unsuccessful, but upon what grounds does not appear, the Lord Keeper, being a stranger to the affair, will by no means grant her a brief without a new order, either from the King or Council. If you think fit to do her what kindness you can, I will give her all the assistance in my power. Endorsed [by Williamson], "Cousin Snell." [*Ibid. No.* 41.]

April 22. Milford. John Powell to Williamson. No shipping worth noticing is at our port. [*Ibid. No.* 42.]

April 22. Portsmouth. B. J. [Ben. Johnson] to Williamson. The *Nightingale* has arrived at Spithead; she sailed with the *Montague* and *Tiger* from Cadiz, but lost them at sea. The *Arms* of London, having stopped her leaks, sailed out of the harbour for Cowes. [*Ibid. No.* 43.]

April 22. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. The *Mizan,* a Dutch pleasure boat, and the King's *Kitchen* have arrived from the westward, and the *Henrietta* from the river, with the Duke of Lenox [and Richmond], who landed and took horse to Sir Arnold Brames' house, between Dover and Canterbury. The winds vary much. [*Ibid. No.* 44.]

April 22. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Arrival of the *Nightingale* at Spithead, having left or lost the *Montague* and *Tiger.* [*Ibid. No.* 45.]

April 22. Warrant for a grant of pardon to Matt. Coppinger, for and concerning the killing of Tim. Norwood, although he be, or be not indicted or convicted; with restitution of lands and goods. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 28, *f.* 22.]

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April 22. Warrant to Sir John Kelynge, Lord Chief Justice of King's Bench, to suffer Matt. Coppinger to stand on new bail till the next sessions, when he is to be brought to trial for the death of Tim. Norwood, he being largely indebted to the King, and having great accounts to pass. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 28, *f.* 22.]

April 23. Warrant to pay to Sir Thos. Osborne and Sir Thos. Littleton 150,000*l.* on account, for the use of the Navy. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 41.]

April 23. Warrants for naturalizing the *Anne*, and another ship bought in the time of the war. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 128.]

April 23. Earl of Manchester [Chancellor of Cambridge University, to Lord Arlington]. I permit Mr. Wilmot to have his M.A. degree, if your lordship will move the King for a *mandamus*. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 259, *No.* 46.] *Annexing*,

> *Petition of Thos. Wilmot, B.A., to the King, for a* mandamus *to the University of Cambridge, for his M.A. degree; took that of B.A. at Trinity College, Oxford, but being beneficed at Wimbledon, Surrey, has been unable to keep his terms, and perform his exercises there.* [*Ibid. No.* 461.]

April 23. The King to the [Vice-Chancellor] of Cambridge. We recommend Thos. Wilmot, B.A., for his degree of M.A., which he was prevented taking regularly, because of his attendance on duty in a benefice. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 19, *p.* 103.]

April [23]. Draft of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 259, *No.* 47.]

April 23. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. The Duke of Richmond sailed for France, but by contrary winds was forced to put back; yesterday he sailed again. [*Ibid. No.* 48.]

April 23. Certificate of Sir Thos. Bludworth, J.P. for London, that Sam. Atking, merchant of London, appeared before him, and made oath that he and other subjects of his Majesty are the owners of a foreign-built ship called the *Fortune*, which was taken during the war, and adjudged as prize by the Admiralty Court of Scotland. [*Ibid. No.* 49.]

April 23. Whitehall. [Proposed] Order in Council that—as on 13 March 1668, on petition of the City of London, the King dispensed for a year with such parts of the Act of Navigation as restrained the import of timber and deals, that they might be more plentiful for rebuilding the city, whereby they were reduced to a moderate price—his Majesty, being unwilling that so much of the stock of his kingdom should be spent in freight to foreigners, and yet wishing to encourage the speedy rebuilding of the city, lest the carriage of these bulky goods should fall into the hands of foreigners, has, on address of the Council of Trade, and by advice of the Privy Council, given liberty to his subjects to buy 60 vessels fit for this trade, which

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April 23. shall be naturalized, on the oath of their owners that no foreigner shall have any interest therein. They are to be registered as free for the Norway and Baltic Sea trade, 40 for the port of London, 10 for the Western ports, from Dover to Bristol, and 10 to the Northern ports, from Harwich to Newcastle. The Farmers of Customs are to keep exact registers, so that no more ships than those permitted may be made free. With a proviso cancelled, signed by the Farmers of Customs, that this order is not to take off any aliens' customs imposed on those ships, and reserved to be paid as formerly, by the order of 18 March 1668. [2¾ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 259, *No.* 50.] *Annexing,*

Report of the Farmers of Customs that the naturalizing of 60 *foreign ships, to be made free for the trade of Norway and the Baltic Sea, is contrary to* 2 *Acts; that for encouragement of navigation, and that for preventing fraud in the Customs. Should his Majesty suspend these* 2 *laws in this particular, the aliens' duty on those ships need not be remitted, as this withdraws money from the revenue, and gives it to private traders, and also discourages men from bringing goods in English shipping, as they can do it cheaper in foreign. The dispensation granted last year for bringing in building materials continued the payment of all duties.*

Most of this trade has been carried on by foreign ships, and the materials needed by the city will be brought in, whether these ships are made free or not. If the ships are made free, it is hoped that they will be limited as to the time in which, and the places where, the goods are to be delivered; that a list of the purchasers will be sent in to be approved by his Majesty, and that if the ships are not provided, the dispensation will cease.—23 *April* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 50I.]

Report of the Council of Trade—on a reference of the petition of Thos. Farrington, merchant of London, for leave to bring in free from seizure a parcel of timber and deals which he provided at Hamburg, for rebuilding the city—that the permission will be good, provided the timber is imported in English ships, for these reasons: the enlargement of trade is the common interest of a trading nation, and it would be an advantage if more ports than one or two were found for bringing in these commodities.

The trade in timber and wood from Hamburg would be a great advantage, because that from other places is chiefly managed by the natives in their own shipping, so that although the trade in timber has exceedingly increased here, the employment of English shipping therein has decreased, but would greatly increase, if the Hamburg trade was managed by English shipping.

Hamburg timber would be bought by exchange for our woollen goods, whereas Norway timber is bought with ready money for the most part.

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Also the petitioner has many buildings, erecting and to erect, in London, for which he needs the timber. [9 *signatures. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 259, *No.* 50II.]

April 23. The *Milford*, Cadiz. Capt. John Hubbard to Matt. Wren. I arrived here 1 April, and then sailed to Tangier, with 4 merchant ships bound for the Levant, the commanders requesting my convoy.

On the 8th, there being a small vessel of Tangier bound for Tituan, to redeem some soldiers that were slaves, the Governor requested me to convoy her there, which I did, and then bore for Malaga Road, where I arrived on the 11th. If any of his Majesty's subjects had been there laden, bound for the westward, I intended to convoy them as far as I could; but not finding any, I returned for Tangier.

I sailed on the 13th, and met with a new three-decked French man-of-war of 75 or 80 guns, and being covetous of news, I ran alongside and hailed him, but could have no other answer but out of the mouths of several men speaking English, "Dog, strike your topsail." As I could never understand that language in any of his Majesty's ships, finding the *Milford* not able to dispute that punctilio with him, though very inclinable to it, I passed by, telling him in his own words that I scorned to strike a topsail for any French dog in the sea; which so disturbed him, that he immediately bore up after me, fired, and gave chase for 1½ hours, when he tacked about. Four other ships coming up, one of which was French, on the 15th I anchored in Tangier Road, and gave the Governor notice of what had passed.

I met Capt. Beary, from Sally, at Tangier, and the *Francis* having arrived from the same place, we consulted with the Governor as to the best way of disposing of ourselves, for maintaining his Majesty's honour and annoying his enemies, until further orders from his Royal Highness advised us to sail for Cadiz to inquire for orders, and if there were none, to keep together, and lie off Sally and the Southward Cape. In order to do this, we sailed from Tangier on the 19th, and arrived the 20th at Cadiz, where I received your letter, directed to Sir Thos. Allin, or any of the King's commanders. Sir Thos. Allin being gone home, I opened it, and found his Royal Highness's commands for 2 ships to sail for Leghorn, to bring down what merchant ships they find ready; and there being no others but Capt. Beary's and mine, we have resolved to proceed there accordingly. [2½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 51.]

April 23. Extract of the above. [*Ibid. No.* 52.]

April 23. Woolwich. Wm. Bodham to Pepys. I beg leave of absence for 14 days, having very urgent business at Norfolk, my native country, where I have not been but once since 1663. I shall be obliged to discharge the men for want of tar; if any great cordage is called for, and not ready-made, we know not what to do. [*Ibid. No.* 53.]

April 24. M. Johnson to Williamson. You had the warrants returned with the bills to be signed, which I never received; for dispatch of this business, it is left to insert the clause in the King's presence, for it is impossible to re-write the whole bill in the time prefixed. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 259, *No.* 54.]

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Milford.
John Powell to Williamson. The *Roebuck* has arrived here from London, bound for Dublin. [*Ibid. No.* 55.]

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Lyme.
[Anth. Thorold] to Hickes. The *Sarah* has arrived from Morlaix, and the *Thomas* from Croisic, with the report that the French are still pressing men for setting out ships to relieve Candia. The *Lyme Tree* from Virginia reports the plantations to be in a thriving condition, and having orders from England, 400 or 500 of the people intend to march in May for a further discovery into the country, taking 3 months' provisions with them, and some Indians as guides. Their course will be south-west, and they hope to find out some mines, as they are informed the Spaniards have yearly brought great riches from there. The said vessels met 20 or 30 sail, which have since passed, and are supposed to be merchantmen from the Straits, bound for London and other ports. [*Ibid. No.* 56.]

[April 24.] Petition of Joshua Basset, M.A., to the King, for a mandatory letter to the University of Cambridge, to be admitted to the next vacant senior Fellowship. Was admitted in 1658 into Caius College, where he has continued to the present time, and performed all the exercises enjoined by the statutes. Was chosen junior Fellow of the said College in 1666, whereupon his friends, presuming he had been very well provided for, withheld the allowance they formerly gave him; but the endowments of that Fellowship being very small, he has not sufficient to maintain himself, and after 12 years' study and expense, will be forced to leave the University, unless his Majesty grants the letter asked. [*Ibid. No.* 57.] *Annexing,*

Certificate by Dr. Rob. Brady, Master of Gonville and Caius College, and 7 *Fellows, that Basset has been in the College* 11 *years, and conducted himself well, and they recommend him for favour.*—12 *April* 1669. [*Latin. Ibid. No.* 57i.]

Humphrey, Bishop of London, to Williamson. You see that Mr. Basset brings good testimonials from his College, and I have, moreover, had from an ancient friend, on whose judgment and integrity I can rely, a very good character of him, both for learning and virtue. I have made request to Lord Chamberlain [*Manchester*] *on his behalf, and hope his Lordship will approve of soliciting for his Majesty's letters of commendation; I pray you promote it. I am not able to walk without a staff.*—23 *April* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 57ii.]

Earl of Manchester to Lord Arlington. I have received from the Bishop of London a full representation of the case of Mr. Basset—that he is peculiarly qualified for the senior Fellowship, and that he alone, by the rules, is capable of it, but that some of the Fellows have unwarily engaged them-

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selves otherwise, and would count it a favourable relaxation, if they be directed by a mandamus *precisely to observe the rules of the College.—I therefore desire you will move his Majesty for the* mandamus *accordingly.—April* 24, 1669. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 259, *No.* 57III.]

April 24. The King to the Master and Fellows of Caius College, Cambridge. We add our royal recommendation, on request, in favour of Joshua Basset, M.A., who is peculiarly qualified for the next vacant fellowship, and capable thereof by the rules of the College. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, *f.* 22.]

April 24. Whitehall. Sec. Sir John Trevor to the Earl of Suffolk, Lord Lieutenant of cos. Suffolk and Cambridge. The King wishes you to enquire into the truth of complaints that frequent and scandalous meetings, on pretence of religious worship, are held in Suffolk; and if, either by their increase in number or behaviour, they endanger public peace, or affront the established worship, you are to suppress them, and proceed against the preacher and principal offenders.

With note of a similar letter to the Earls of Exeter and Peterborough, Lords Lieutenant of co. Northampton. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 98.]

April 25. Warrant for naturalizing 4 Scotch ships. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 128.]

April 25. Warrant to the Commissioners for the Earl Marshalship, to create Thos. Segar to the office of Bluemantle Pursuivant at Arms. [*Ibid. f.* 129.]

April [25.] Entry of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 259, *No.* 58.]

April 25. Plymouth. John Clarke to [Williamson]. Arrival of ships. [*Ibid. No.* 58A.]

April 25. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Montague* has sailed for Chatham, the *Tiger* is at Spithead, and the *Nightingale* is in the harbour, they all being part of Sir Thos. Allin's fleet from the Straits. The *Morning Star*, which was plundered by the Algiers man-of-war, is still at Spithead, her men not being willing to proceed in her, on suspicion that they may lose their wages, on account of the loss of the money taken. The *Dragon* has been fitted, and is ready to sail. [*Ibid. No.* 59.]

April 25. Portsmouth. B. J. [Ben Johnson] to Williamson. The *Montague* and *Tiger* have arrived at Spithead, where the *Nonsuch* lies, and the *Nightingale*, *Kitchen* ketch, and *Portsmouth* sloop have come into harbour. The *Montague* has sailed for Chatham, and the *Morning Star*, which was bound for the East Indies, attends a fair wind back for London. The paymasters have come down to pay off the ships that are to be laid up. [*Ibid. No.* 60.]

April 25. London. James Hickes to Williamson. As you and my Lord desire to serve me, in compensation for hazarding all I had in promotion of the service, I beg you to move Lord Arlington to grant me and my son our several employments in the Post Office, during his time of office, and to present my petition to his Majesty, to grant them to us for life; and if I should die before my son, that he may be

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admitted into my place, at the same salary and small perquisites, he being the most fit of any in being, to manage and methodise the same. As I have been a laborious and faithful servant, from the beginning of the office to the present time, a period of 30 years and upwards, I hope I may obtain his lordship's favour, and quietly enjoy a comfortable livelihood, at this my advanced age, without fear of change. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 259, *No.* 61.]

April 25. The *Portsmouth*, Plymouth. John Wyborne to Williamson. Having a packet aboard from Sir Thos. Temple, Governor of Nova Scotia, directed to Lord Arlington, I beg leave to come to London to deliver it. [*Ibid. No.* 62.]

April 25. Portsmouth. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. What is to be bought here for the despatch of ships shall be procured on the best terms, but all comes out of the money designed to furnish the stores with timber, which I hope will be speedily augmented. The *Montague* has sailed, the *Nightingale* come into port, and a pilot gone for the *Tiger*. I recommend Joseph Rabinet, master carpenter of the *Mary*, for the mast-maker's place at Chatham, he having served Gardiner, a former mast-maker there. I pray payment of 200*l.* due to boatmen for carrying ballast to and from the ships, for which Col. Middleton promised ready money; I am often troubled with their complaints. [*Ibid. No.* 63.]

April 25. Woolwich. Edward Byland to Col. Thos. Middleton. I send the length of the boats required for ships named fitting for sea. I think your proposition concerning fifth-rates for their boats is undeniable, as a horse cannot run so fast with a heavy load as a light one; and when a frigate is burthened with heavy boats, it is prejudicial to her bearing and sailing, and makes her old, and complain before her time. I desire that the stores demanded may be hastened down, and that you will consider of a spindle for our great crane. [*Ibid. No.* 64.]

April 25. The *Lenox*, Holehaven. Capt. John Holmes to the Navy Commissioners. Desires an order for a supply of victuals, the time for victualling having ended last Friday. [*Ibid. No.* 65.]

April 26. Capt. Martin Carslake to the Navy Commissioners. Asks warrants appointing Michael Davidson and Wm. Power as master and boatswain of the *Golden Hand*, having received good testimony of their ability. [*Ibid. No.* 66.]

April 26. Chatham. John Brooke and 4 other officers to the Navy Commissioners. We have thought fit, from time to time, to commit accounts weekly demanded, and all letters, books, and papers relating to the service, to Hum. Bray, not daring to trust our uncertain and irregular post with their conveyance, though we daily send other letters thereby. Bray, going out of Rochester early this morning, was stopped by Travers, a shop-keeper and the post-officer here, and the accounts, &c., including several chest-books lent us by the Brooke House Commissioners, taken from him, with menaces of violence if he made any resistance, so that his journey was prevented, and his tide lost.

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We thought it our duty to acquaint you with this unprecedented proceeding, as, if continued, it may be of great prejudice to the service, which is daily in hazard of suffering great inconvenience by this man's obstinacy and neglect; few letters come in due time, and when they do, it is with an abuse of his innovation, obliging us to pay a penny for each we receive upon the King's service, or otherwise for carriage from Rochester hither. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 259, *No.* 67.]

April 26. Rob. Mayors to [Pepys ?]. Requests a warrant for delivering oars into the stores at Deptford, and for the use of the Ambassador's barge. [*Ibid. No.* 68.]

April 26. The *Nonsuch*, Spithead. Capt. John Holmes to the Navy Commissioners. We are completed with all things except beer, and expect directions concerning that, and as to moving, by the next post. I desire orders as to short allowance, which will be necessary in regard of our continuance in the Straits. [*Ibid. No.* 69.]

April 26. Chatham. Edw. Gregory to the Navy Commissioners. I beg leave of absence for 6 or 7 days, having several bills of imprest in Mr. Waith's hands, which I am desirous to retrieve, and other important occasions requiring my attendance in London. [*Ibid. No.* 70.]

April 26. Seaford. Sir Bernard Gascoigne to Williamson. I could not find you yesterday, to let you know of the Prince [of Tuscany's] desire concerning his reception at Cambridge. As he is in this kingdom *incognito*, no very great reception is fit for him, and it will therefore be enough if the masters of the colleges that he shall visit are there to receive him; you will oblige his Highness by sending word to that effect. I hope, while we are merry in the country, you will be merry in town. [*Ibid. No* 71.]

April 26. James Hickes to Williamson. The Irish mail has just come in with the enclosed for Lord [Arlington]. [*Ibid. No.* 72.]

April 26. Lyme. Ant. Thorold to Hickes. The *Expedition* has come in from Malaga, with other merchantmen of London, &c. They had advice in March of 5 Sally men ready fitted to put to sea upon their old roving trade. Also that Tafiletta has become very great and powerful, and that Tangiers was not without some apprehensions of him, but in good condition to defend themselves. They had the company of some of the King's ships for a little time, but these were not so kind as to keep with them; however, they got home safe. Three Dutch men-of-war which were with them, espying 2 Turkish men-of-war off the South Cape, made after them, and so plied them with their guns, that they conclude they either burnt, sunk, or took them. [*Ibid No.* 73.]

April 26. Pendennis. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. The ships from Bordeaux have gone to their respective ports; 2 Spaniards have come in from the Bay of Biscay, with lemons and oranges, bound for London, and 2 others from Portugal and France with salt. Three vessels have also set sail for France. [*Ibid. No.* 74.]

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April 26. Yarmouth. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Repetition of part of the letter of the 19th. It has been reported that his Majesty has given orders for an inspection to be made as to private meetings, to see whether people meet in great numbers, or with more confidence than formerly; and if so, to quicken the justices to more diligence in prosecuting the teachers, and the principal of the faction. I know not whether this has wrought upon the captain, but he has taken his place as alderman, and yet goes to the meeting, where they now sing psalms, and may be heard at a great distance.

His Majesty's Coronation Day has hitherto been kept with great solemnity; but last Friday it was all laid aside, and no notice taken of it, Woodroff, the bailiff, having moved the assembly to that purpose at their last meeting. The Earl of Aylesbury and Lord Belasyse arrived, and viewed the town, and went away for Norwich, but no notice was taken of them, though they were known. The *Edgar* has sailed for the Straits, and the *Forester* and several others are riding at anchor in the Roads. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 259, *No.* 75.]

April 26. Weymouth. John Pocock to Hickes. A fleet of 30 sail of Straits men was seen yesterday, towards the Isle of Wight, one of which, the *Agreement*, stopped to put some passengers ashore from Jamaica, whence she came in 11 weeks. She reports that the island is in a thriving condition, and that the French captain, who was taken before the blowing up of the *Oxford*, was condemned to die; but it was supposed the Governor would only keep him in prison until he had orders from England. Also that a fleet of privateers was plying to the windward, but their design was not known. [*Ibid. No.* 76.]

April 27. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Falmouth* has arrived at Spithead from Zante; she was in company with the *Montague*, but forced to put back. [*Ibid. No.* 77.]

April 27. 8 p.m. Whitehall. Rob. Francis to [Williamson]. I got the things signed, and Sir George Lane has the letter concerning the Duke of Ormond, and paid the fees of it. I send a packet from Lady Dorchester, and letters from the King to the Queen Mother, received from Mr. Purcell; also others from Lady Katherine, Sir Nich. Armorer, &c. I will send an account of what happens at Council to-morrow. Mr. Cottle has gone to Lord Arlington at Goring House, as to passing Lord Ormond's revocation by immediate warrant, which has been agreed upon between the Lord Keeper and Lord Arlington. [2 *pages.* *Ibid. No.* 78.]

April 27. Goring House. [Lord Arlington to Williamson], Newmarket. I send a letter from Lord Ambassador Montague to the Duke of Buckingham, and the bill for Lord Ormond's revocation, as agreed upon between the King and the Lord Keeper. Let his Majesty know that Mr. Russell and the Lord Keeper have assured me that all things are quiet in the town; put his Majesty in mind of his promise to [Hen.] Compton of a canonry in Christ Church, vacant by [Dr. Rich.] Heylin's death, and get a warrant for it. [2 *pages.* *Ibid. No.* 79.]

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April 27. Grant to Henry Compton of a canon's place at Christ Church, Oxford, void by death of Dr. Heylin. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 19, *p.* 102.]

Docquet of the above, dated May. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 50.]

April 27. Warrant to John Bradley, messenger, to release M. La Fabvollière, and deliver him to the hands of Lord Gerard. Minute. [*S P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 129.]

April 27. Portsmouth. B. J. [Ben Johnson] to Williamson. The *Tiger* came into the harbour greatly out of repair; the *Deptford* from the Straits, a ship from Zante, and a flyboat from Cowes, are at Spithead; the *Nonsuch* is waiting for a fair wind to sail for the Downs. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 259, *No.* 80.]

April 27./May 7. Naples. Earl of Winchelsea to the King. In my voyage from Malta here, I touched at Catania in Sicily, and was invited by the bishop to lodge in his palace, which I did, the better to inform you of that extraordinary fire which comes from Mount Zibell [Etna], 15 miles distant, which may be termed a fiery inundation, being 15 miles long and 7 broad, advancing into the sea from 600 yards to a mile in breadth. It was wonderful to see in the sea this matter like ragged rocks, burning in 4 fathoms water, 2 fathoms higher than the sea, some parts liquid and throwing about vast stones red hot, some part hissing into the sea with a horrible noise and smoke, and making a firm foundation in the sea itself.

I stayed from 9 a.m. Saturday to 7 a.m. next morning, during which time this mountain of fire, stones, and cinders had advanced 20 yards into the sea in several parts, forming a passage like a river with steep banks, in which flows liquid fire, with large red hot stones swimming on the fire.

The stones are 3 fathom, high all over the country, and there are secret conduits sending fire and heat into all parts, melting stones and cinders, and turning rocks and houses to ashes. The components of these fire stones are sulphur, nitre, quicksilver, sal ammonia, lead, and other metals. In some places it has made valleys hills, and hills valleys. At night I went upon two towers, and could see, at 10 miles distance, that the fire rose from the mountain as high and big as one of the biggest steeples, and descended terribly red, with stones of a paler red, as big as a table. The country is covered with great flames, and smokes like a furnace of melted iron.

A cavalier of Malta, who attended me, told me the river was as liquid as a torrent when it issued from the mountain, and was 5 or 6 fathoms deep and as broad. Nothing can divert it; in 40 days it has destroyed the habitations of 27,000 persons, and made 2 hills, one 1,000 paces high and 4 miles in compass, as you may see by the draft I send you.

Of 20,000 persons who were in Catania, only 3,000 remain; all their goods are carried away, the brass cannon removed out of the castle, great bells taken down, the city walled up, and preparations made to abandon it. The fire met a lake of 4 miles' compass, filled it up, and made a mountain of it. I send a relation given me by a bishop, but wish it had less of the stories of St. Agatha in it. [5 *pages. Ibid. No.* 81.]

April 27. Portsmouth. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. The clerks have come down, and are making ready their books; the treasurer's instruments went to Winchester for money. I have no directions for turning over men into ships that need them. I wish the *Dragon* were out of harbour, that her men might be kept aboard. I have bargained for 122 more loads of timber, and have agreed with the tanner and scupper-maker for what shall supply present occasions; I send the prices of various leather articles for ready money. The carver requests payment of his account for works on the *Portsmouth* shallop and 2 others, for which he has bills amounting to 118*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.* [1½ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 259, *No.* 82.] *Encloses,*

Estimate by Commissioner J. Tippetts of the charge of materials spent and to be expended, in fitting out the Dragon *and* 4 *other ships, excluding timber, amounting to* 1,073*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.*—*Portsmouth,* 27 *April* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 82I.]

April 27. Chatham. Phineas Pett and 2 other officers to the Navy Commissioners. We conclude it will be unsafe to bring the *Revenge* and *St. David* ashore, the ways not being fit to receive them, and are rigging and fitting them afloat. Our judgments are for bringing them both into dock, after launching the *Dreadnought.* [*Ibid. No.* 83.]

April 27. Portsmouth. Capt. Ant. Deane to the Navy Commissioners. Pray hasten the Lords Commissioners' order for the 1,000 trees for building a new ship, and order 200*l.* or 300*l.* to the purveyor, for felling and converting the timber. [*Ibid. No.* 84.]

April 27. The *Emsworth* sloop, Holehaven. Capt. Walter Perry to the Navy Commissioners. I desired Capt. Holmes, of the *Lenox,* to acquaint you with our shortness of provisions; but fearing he might forget, I again beg to remind you of it; we have only a supply for 3 days aboard. [*Ibid. No.* 85.]

April 27. Jonas Shish to Thos. Hayter. Capt. Green will sell 4,000 good broom as cheap as any merchant, and desires that the purveyor may see it. We want broom or fagots for burning our plank, or we shall waste and destroy our reed. [*Ibid. No.* 86.]

April 28. Certificate by the Trinity House, that Nathaniel Webb of Limehouse is fit to take charge as master of any fourth rate ship or frigate. [*Ibid. No.* 87.]

April 28. Chatham. Phineas Pett to the Navy Commissioners. Particulars of timber which I offer for sale. I beg to be excused informing you as to the quality, and desire you will appoint a person to inform you therein, when I will give the price, or ask liberty to dispose of it elsewhere. Peter Steere of Chart, near Maidstone, has 400 loads of large timber fit for the new ship, which he will serve in for ready money. Most part of [John] Mason and Clarke's timber has come in, but very little is fit for carrying on the works of the ship. [*Ibid. No.* 88.]

April 28. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Hickes. A great fleet of Hollanders passed to the westward; 2 vessels have arrived from the Bay of Biscay, laden with oranges and lemons. A Middleburg vessel, from Dublin, reports that the English are overjoyed at the Lord Privy Seal's

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coming over there, but the Irish are much discomforted, they having much liberty under the Duke of Ormond. The *Daniel and Edward* from Jamaica reports that the English have taken a town from the Spaniards, and sold it to them again, and that they thrive very well in those parts. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 259, *No.* 89.]

April 28. Same to Williamson. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 90.]

April 28. Milford. John Powell to Williamson. The *Monmouth* has arrived from transporting the Earl of Cork, and is now attending for the Earl of Orrery for Dublin. [*Ibid. No.* 91.]

April 28. Lamplugh. Col. John Lamplugh to Williamson. I received the letter intimating my being admitted as one of the patentees for the Plate Lottery in Ireland, but not being acquainted with the way thereof, I have written to my cousin, Thos. Lamplugh, of Gray's Inn, to wait on you for advice, having given him a letter of attorney. [*Ibid. No.* 92.]

April 28. Sir J. Trevor to Rob. Francis. I have been troubled with ague 5 weeks. I have to complain of the post for the non-arrival of news-letters; pray direct them to me by the Salop post. [*Ibid. No.* 93.]

April 28. Bristol. James Baskerville to Williamson. Several ships have arrived from the Straits. [*Ibid. No.* 94.]

April 28. Martin Moundeford to Rob. Francis. I wish it had been your fortune to have once seen my mother. I hope we may often meet; I apprehend your love for my sister, and do not remember that I questioned your care for her, though I expressed hopes that you would be willing to content her friends as to a reasonable provision for her, and your reply is most candid; but I should not wish anyone to participate so great a concern without mature consideration; as you cannot want good counsel, I hope you will be so sensible of your own advantage as to hearken to it. [*Ibid. No.* 95.]

April 28. Warrant from Lord Arlington to Jo. Siliot, messenger, to search for and apprehend and bring Thos. Glass before him, for carrying letters contrary to the Act of Parliament. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 129.]

April [29]. Newmarket. The King to [the Governors of Winchester College]. The place of Warden becoming vacant by death of Dr. Burt, we recommend [Fras.] Turner, M.A., one of your own body, being a fellow of New College, Oxford, and a person of worth, to the office, and doubt not your compliance, especially as he is chaplain to the Duke of York; we shall consider your compliance an effect of your loyalty and great affection. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 259, *No.* 96.]

[April 29.] Draft of the above. [*Ibid. No.* 97.]

April 29. Entry of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, *f.* 23.]

April 29. Whitehall. Lord Arlington to [Williamson]. I received your letter containing the good news that his Majesty was better of his cold, and hope he will leave it quite behind him. Mr. Compton has received his warrant countersigned. I have inquired of Lord Holles concerning the point of Lord Ambassador Montague's visiting first the Princes of the Blood, and his lordship says confidently that the first visit is due to them from our Ambassador, in recompense of their sending their coaches to his entry, and making no difficulty of giving him the hand in their own houses. Now as his staying long for this resolution may embarrass him in his visits, I have directed him accordingly by this night's post, and hope his Majesty will approve of it.

I send a draft of a warrant for his Majesty, granting me an escheat lately fallen in Ireland, which is represented to be under 300*l.* a year, though the one his Majesty promised was of greater value. I enclose a letter from Lady Castlemaine to his Majesty. [1½ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 259, *No.* 98.]

April 29. Newmarket. J. Williamson to R. Francis. I have your letter, and wonder how you omitted sending some news-books; it was only want of care. I am going to Cambridge; pray be careful of all in your charge during my absence. Give the enclosed to Lady Katherine Brien with your own hand. Mr. Perrot ought to have spoken to Swaddell or someone else to give him an account of the King's movements. [*Ibid. No.* 99.]

April 29. Whitehall. Rob. Francis to [Williamson]. I delivered letters as directed, and expect one from Lady Katherine, Lady Castlemaine's being sent in Lord (Arlington's) packet. We had nothing of a Council yesterday, only 6 meeting, who did no business. I got my lord's hand to the interlineation of the Lord Privy Seal's commission, and delivered it to Mr. Cottle, who brought the signet of the revocation, to pass by immediate warrant. I send letters received, and extracts from those sent to Mr. Perrot. I am sorry to hear that you have lost your horse, and hope God will defend you from worse accidents. [1¾ *pages. Ibid. No.* 100.]

April 29. Letter Office. A. Ellis to Williamson. I send the label of the express from Newmarket, that you may see how the postmaster rode with it, and how Adamson of Royston detained it; as you are on the place, you may see who are fit to be punished for such negligencies, which must not be pardoned. The Queen supped yesterday night at Mr. May's Lodge, with the Duchesses of Bucks and Richmond, the Countess of Falmouth, and Lady Arlington; but Mr. May was not cured of the gout for all that, and he has sat in his chair ever since the evil spirit afflicted him. I never saw any look so like a philosopher; you may remember the stoic that Lucian describes going to burn himself. Sir John Bennet is gone to Salisbury, to bring a rich uncle to London, to die to his advantage. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 101.]

April 29. Alban Hall. Dr. Thos. Lamplugh to Williamson. Thanks for procuring my brother [Ralph] Davenant the King's title for his *sine curâ*; I beg you to procure the same for his living *cum curâ*, as he has fallen into some trouble about it; he is a very worthy person. [*Ibid. No.* 102.]

April 29. Portsmouth. [B. Johnson] to Williamson. The *Nonsuch* sailed for the Downs this morning, and the *Dragon* left for Spithead; the *Yarmouth* was paid off yesterday. [*Ibid. No.* 103.]

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April 29. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Nonsuch* has sailed for Tangiers, and the *Yarmouth* was paid off. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 259, *No.* 104.]

April 29. Deal. Rich. Watts to Williamson. The *Montague* has arrived from Spithead; 2 other ships are in the Downs. [*Ibid. No.* 105.]

April 29. Portsmouth. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. I cannot proceed with payment of the men, until I know up to what time those turned over from the *Monmouth*, and reserved for the *Resolution*, shall be paid. Sir Thos. Allin wrote the lieutenant that 6 months was to be stopped till the other ships were ready, but that is not sufficient to proceed upon. I shall complete payment of the *Yarmouth* to-day. The paymaster has only money for her and the *Monmouth.* Capt. Deane desires the contract for Mayle's timber, that a new one may be made. [*Ibid. No.* 106.]

April 29. Chatham. J. Wilson to Pepys. I have signed a certificate in behalf of Wm. Wyborne, as mast maker in the yard, no person in these parts being fit to stand in competition with him. [*Ibid. No.* 107.]

April 29. Woolwich. W. Hannam and John Rudd to the Navy Commissioners. We estimate the month's charge for victuals and wages of 30 men, employed to weigh the wrecks on the north shore at Woolwich, at 130*l.* [*Ibid. No.* 108.]

April 30. Fras. Baylie to the Navy Commissioners. I desire that a pair of bulge ways, made by Mr. Furzer to launch the *St. David*, and lent to me to launch the *Edgar*, may be left with me for similar uses, or sold to me at the price current. [*Ibid. No.* 109.]

April 30. Sir John Bennet to Lord Brouncker and the Navy Commissioners. I will send to Travers, the postmaster at Rochester, for an account of his proceedings, and give you the particulars. [*Ibid. No.* 110.]

April 30. The *Milford*, Cadiz. Capt. John Hubbard to the Navy Commissioners. I had the misfortune to crack my foremast, and lose the foretopmast, &c., in my passage from England, and borrowed 300 pieces of oak of John Matthews, merchant of this place, for which I gave a bill. I desire it may be punctually paid, otherwise the service will suffer in such necessities. [*Ibid. No.* 111.]

April 30. Chatham. John Moore and Edw. Moorcock to the Navy Commissioners. The vessels you mention will be sufficient to weigh any wreck in the river, except the *Helverstone*, which will require 4 or 5 more, and the monthly charge will be more than double while working on her. The monthly charge excluding her will be 140*l.*, which may be increased by contingencies. We are preparing to remove the *Oak;* we need a supply of victuals; ours expired several days since, so we know not what to do with our men. [*Ibid. No.* 112.]

April 30. Chatham Dock. John Brooke and 3 other officers of the Yard to the Navy Commissioners. We transmit the enclosed papers, according to your orders, and the request of Phineas Pett. [*Ibid. No.* 113.]

Affidavit by Edw. Ives that in 1667, *Thos. Rankins, of Hoo, ordered him to take off the horse-bells from the collars of*

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his team, and go with the wagon to the water-side at Hoo, to load a parcel of ironwork which lay there; that he carried it to Rankins' house, at 9 p.m., and believes there was 1½ tons of large chain-plates, bolts, &c., belonging to his Majesty. —31 *March* 1669. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 259, *No.* 113i.]

Affidavit by Melchior Rainolds and 2 others, that Rob. Sutton declared in their presence that he never told boatswain Harman that he had acquainted Pett of the ironwork in Rankin's house at Hoo; but that he told Harman to inquire concerning it, and that his wife told Mr. Pett. Also that Elizabeth Sutton admitted she told Mr. Pett, who asked her whether she could prove it to be the King's, to which she answered she could not, as she had not looked on the mark. —20 *April* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 113ii.]

Affidavit by John Trusler, that 2 years past, he saw 15 buckets of nails and spikes and other ironwork brought into Hoo Creek by a boat in the night, wherein was one Rivers, a shipwright in the yard at Chatham, who, on landing, fetched his team with 5 horses, and one Hooker, a smith, his team and 2 horses, and carried it to Rivers's barn. That he has often seen Hooker's servant, called Rathery, carry ironwork to his master's house; and that Hooker fearing the examinant would disclose, has threatened to lay him in prison, and endeavoured to purchase a bond of his, the better to effect his purpose. That Hooker is so constant a dealer in ironwork, that there are few in the town but are privy thereto. [*Ibid. No.* 113iii.]

Abstract of the evidence of Edw. Ives and 3 others on the same subject. [*Ibid. No.* 113iv.]

Memorandum on the evidence of Rob. Sutton and others, and how far it reflects on Mr. Pett, he stating that he did not know the goods to be the King's. [*Ibid. No.* 113v.]

April 30. Roger Parker and 2 other officers of the *Constant Warwick*, to the Navy Commissioners. Have taken in 4 months' provisions for 150 men, and cannot stow more than an additional two months' of beef, pork, and peas. [*Ibid. No.* 114.]

April 30. Deal. Rich. Watts to Williamson. A pink has arrived from the Straits, and reports that she was plundered by 2 Turkish men-of-war of most of her victuals; the ship is sailing for London. [*Ibid. No.* 115.]

April 30. Newcastle. Cuthbert Dikes to Williamson. I have arrived at Newcastle, and request that your cousin, Thos. Williamson, or any other of your servants, will correspond with me. There are 800 laden coal ships in the river, waiting a fair wind, 100 being for London and the rest for the coasts. I am labouring to fit myself for the discharge of my post employment, and if you think me worthy of any commands, pray lay them freely upon me, and I will serve you to my utmost. [*Ibid. No.* 116.]

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April 30. Newmarket. The King to the Vice-Chancellor and Senate of Cambridge. The Prince of Tuscany intends, in his return to London, to pass by Cambridge to see the University. Desiring that wherever he passes in the kingdom, he be received with due respect, we require you, among other fitting compliments, to cause a public creation to be made, by conferring degrees in the several faculties on such gentlemen of his train as desire it, and on such others as the Vice-Chancellor thinks fit. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, *f.* 22.]

April 30. Draft of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 259, *No.* 117.]

[April 30.] Another draft, with several blank forms of warrants, dispensations, &c., on other subjects. [3 *pages. Ibid. No.* 118.]

April. Thos. Thynne's account as Envoy Extraordinary to Sweden, from Nov. 1666 to April 1669, amounting to 899*l.* 9*s.* 9*d.*, for which he craves an allowance. . [*Ibid. No.* 119.]

April ? Request by Phil. Babington for a letter of leave to Sir Thos. Beaumont, High Sheriff of Leicestershire, to leave his county, being a material witness in a case between Babington and Sir Thos. Doleman, which is to be tried 12 May. [*Ibid. No.* 120.]

April ? Petition of Jonathan Atherton, master of the *Merchants' Adventure*, to the King. On the approach of the Dutch fleet in June 1667, our ship bound for Barbadoes was taken up at Blackwall, and sunk at Woolwich, to the loss of 1,539*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*, for which speedy payment was promised. Begs not to be undone by delays. [*Ibid. No.* 121.] *Annexing,*

> *Valuation of the said ship, by Lord Brouncker and* 3 *others.*—31 *March* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 121 i.]

> *Proposed warrant to Sir Thos. Osborne and Sir Thos. Littleton, Commissioners for the Navy Treasury, to pay the said* 1,539*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*—*April* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 121 ii.]

April. Petition of Thos. Goodwin, of Lynn Regis, Norfolk, to the King. Freighted a ship for Norway, and took with him 65*l.* in money, which was taken away by Thos. Perkins, Surveyor of Customs. Begs favour, being a young beginner, and this his first offence. [*Ibid. No.* 122.]

April ? Declaration of the King's approval of the accounts of the Earl of Sandwich, late Ambassador to Spain, which have been approved by the Committee for Foreign Affairs. [*He returned* 11 *Oct.* 1668, *and was paid in full May* 1669. *Ibid. No.* 123.]

April. Account by [Sir Denis Gauden] of money paid on a warrant of the Navy Commissioners of 19 Nov. 1664, with reference to sick and wounded seamen, amounting to 2,286*l.* 2*s.* 0½*d.* [*Ibid. No.* 123A.]

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April. Thos. Turner to Pepys. Sends an account of provisions delivered out of the stores at Deptford to the Ordnance officers. Has strictly inspected [Thos.] Harper's books with [Wm.] Fownes, and can find no more. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 259, *No.* 124.]

April. Woolwich. Capt. W. Hannam and John Rudd to the Navy Commissioners. Have surveyed the wrecks, and shall begin on the north shore, and make a clear passage on that side. Ask for a warrant to take up lighters and ketches named, and to enter 20 men; request stores, and an imprest of 200*l.* for carrying on the work. [*Ibid. No.* 125.]

April. John Russell to [the Navy Commissioners]. Considers it most convenient to bring the timber lying at Stockwith to Hull, where they may send vessels for it; it will cost 5*s.* a ton to bring it down to Hull. [*Ibid. No.* 126.]

April. Abra. Parker to the Navy Commissioners. I beg an order for my salary, which I have dearly earned, with the hazard of life, 300*l.* expense, and loss of near 3 years' time; his Royal Highness has given me a commission to go as muster-master to the squadron under Sir Jeremy Smith, and has referred my petition to you. [*Ibid. No.* 127.]

April. Deal. Lists sent by Morgan Lodge to Williamson, of King's and merchant ships in the Downs, the state of the wind, time of the arrival and despatch of mails, &c.

Vol. 259. No.	Date.	King's.	Merchants'.	Mails.		Wind.	Remarks.
				Arrival.	Departure.		
128	April 1	1	24	1 p.m.	5 p.m.	S.W.	
129	„ 2	1	23	—	6 p.m.	S.W.	
130	„ 3	1	23	—	—	S.W.	
131	„ 4	1	23	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	S.W.	
132	„ 5	2	30	—	6.30	W.N.W.	I have put your 2 packets on board the *Leghorn Merchant*, Capt. Hamilton, commander.
133	„ 6	2	9	—	5 p.m.	N.N.W.	
134	„ 7	3	8	—	6 p.m.	S.	
135	„ 8	4	11	—	7 p.m.	W.N.W.	
136	„ 9	2	11	—	5 p.m.	N.E.	
137	„ 10	2	11	—	—	N.E.	
138	„ 11	2	5	—	6 p.m.	N.E.	
139	„ 12	1	2	—	6 p.m.	N.E.	
140	„ 13	1	5	—	7 p.m.	S E.	
141	„ 14	1	3	—	5 p.m.	S.E.	
142	„ 16	1	—	—	—	N.E.	
143	„ 17	1	—	—	5 p.m.	N.E.	
144	„ 18	1	—	—	6 p.m.	N.E.	
145	„ 19	1	—	—	5 p.m.	E.N.E.	
146	„ 20	1	—	—	5 p.m.	W.N.W.	
147	„ 21	2	2	—	5 p.m.	N.E.	The Duke of Richmond is passing through the Downs in his Majesty's pleasure boat, the *Henrietta.*
148	„ 22	1	—	3 p.m.	5 p.m.	N.	The Duke of Richmond is detained by bad weather.
149	„ 25	1	—	—	6 p.m.	E.N.E.	
150	„ 26	1	—	—	6 p.m.	N.	
151	„ 27	1	—	—	5 p.m.	N.N.E.	
152	„ 28	1	—	—	5 p.m.	E.N.E.	
153	„ 30	1	3	4 p.m.	5 p.m.	E.S.E.	

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May 1. Deal. Rich. Watts to Williamson. There have 30 sail come in from various parts, one of which reports that an East India ship bound for England was met by some Turkish pirates of Algiers, who plundered her of 20,000*l.* in commodities, and all her provisions, and then let her go. A Virginia ship reports that 2 which were in company with her have foundered. Several would have made land 5 or 6 weeks since, but were kept back by contrary winds; 40 sail more are in the Channel, homeward bound. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 259, *No.* 154.]

May 1. Portsmouth. Capt. Ant. Deane to the Navy Commissioners. I will send a draft of the dimensions of a fifth-rate ship, as soon as I can get time to draw it. I want the money for felling and converting the trees imprested to Mr. Eastwood, the purveyor, who will have the charge of doing it, being accustomed to that work. I shall order the trees fit for use as often as the service requires it. I hope you have the [Treasury] Commissioners' order for felling, the season being far spent for the bark. [*Ibid. No.* 155.]

May 1. Deptford. John Huntington, master of the *Adam and Eve* ketch, to the Navy Commissioners. Sends pay-books, and has prepared all things ready for the pay, being informed by the clerk of the cheque that the hoy and her company are to be discharged. [*Ibid. No.* 156.]

May 1. [Proposed] bond of George Taylor, of St. Paul's, Covent Garden, and his security, to the Navy Commissioners. Taylor—having accused James Adamson and Clement Palmer of making and selling false tickets, whereby his Majesty is defrauded—in order that they and other persons may be brought to condign punishment, offered to the Navy Commissioners, if they would imprest him money, within one year to make a true and reasonable account of expenses in convicting them. With note that, Taylor objecting to a penalty of 20*l.* being inserted, in case of non-performance of the conditions, as being double the money placed in his hands, the whole was broken off. [*Draft.* 1½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 157.]

May 2. Portsmouth. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. I paid the *Monmouth* and turned her men over to the *Resolution*, but stopped 7*l.* from each, which will be paid to them at Spithead. Money having come down, I shall pay the *Princess* to-morrow, and advise the lieutenant to choose 40 or 50 of her men for the *Resolution.* I suppose it is intended to pay off the *Mary* and *Bristol.* The *Dragon* is at Spithead, waiting orders, and the *Portsmouth* and *Deptford* ketch are hastening to Deptford.

I hope you will supply money for the timber purchased; I have now agreed for 302 trees at 40*s.* a load, which will come to 800*l.* I shall send the shipwright's assistant to see a parcel of choice timber near Midhurst, value 1,000*l.* or 1,200*l.*, to-morrow. Paul Coles' tenders are not to be depended on; I recommended Jos. Rabinet from the report of Capt. Clarke, from the master shipwright's information, and from my own observation. [1¾ *pages. Ibid. No.* 158.]

May 2. Portsmouth. B. J. [Ben Johnson] to Williamson. The *Monmouth* has been paid off; the *Portsmouth* ketch has arrived from New England, and about 60 English merchantmen are in the Channel. The *Morning*

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Star has come into the harbour to be refitted; the *Dragon* and *Deptford* ketch are still at Spithead. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 259, *No.* 159.]

May 2. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Arrival of the *Portsmouth* ketch from New England, having lost her mast in bad weather. [*Ibid. No.* 160.]

May 2. Milford. John Powell to Hickes. The *Monmouth* remains in the harbour, waiting for the Earl of Orrery, to take him to Dublin. [*Ibid. No.* 161.]

May 2. Hull. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. Departure of a vessel for Rotterdam, laden with lead and cloth, and of the *George* and the *Merchants' Adventure* for Hamburg, richly laden with cloth. Some Danish vessels have arrived from Norway. [*Ibid. No.* 162.]

May 3. Weymouth. John Pocock to Hickes. Two vessels have arrived from Portugal, also 3 from Croisic, which report a great press there for seamen to go on their fleet for the Straits; those who escaped after being pressed had their goods taken from them. A vessel from Jersey also reports the good condition of that place and Guernsey. Several ships are daily seen passing to the eastward. [*Ibid. No.* 163.]

May 3. Westminster. Ant. Samwell to Williamson. I understand that Lord Arlington scruples at rectifying a wrong date in the certificate, because it is signed by himself and Secretary Morice, which he might not continue to do, if you reminded him that by the privy seal of 31 Aug., still in your hand, the certificate of the two Secretaries of State, or of either of them, is sufficient. The want of the certificate so rectified is very grievous, and may be prejudicial to us, for the same error existing in the warrant to Sir Rob. Long, he cannot draw his warrant. I entreat your vigorous assistance in the matter. Endorsed, "Lord Chesterfield's privy seal." [*Ibid. No.* 164.]

May 3. Yarmouth. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Three ships have come into the Road from the Straits, with oils, oranges, and lemons; also 2 from Lisbon, and a Frenchman from Rochelle; 60 sail are at anchor, bound to the northward. [*Ibid. No.* 165.]

May 3. Chester. Ma. Anderton to Williamson. The Duchess of Ormond has arrived at Whitchurch, and moved to-day towards Holyhead for Dublin. Divers persons of honour and quality waited on her, and had she come through the city, she would have been attended by a numerous company of gentlemen of these parts, who have a great honour for that family. I often miss my weekly paper of intelligence; I believe it to be the fault of Capt. Baker, the postmaster. [*Ibid. No.* 166.]

May 3. Lincoln. William, Bishop of Lincoln, to Williamson. Gratitude was never so magnified as that of yours at Careby, both by father and son. I told them not to thank or esteem you the more for it, as you could not be other unless you would offer violence to your nature, for which I fell in love with you. Continue me in your affection, as you are in mine. [*Ibid. No.* 167. *See p.* 198, *supra.*]

May 3. Chester. Sir Nich. Armorer to Williamson. I send ten thousand thanks for the letter from the King, but it came without either seal or direction;

pray rectify this, and send me another letter by the copy in the Signet Office, that I may get out of harm's way. I parted with the Duchess yesterday at Whitchurch, and meet her tomorrow at Conway; when I come to Dublin I will write. Watt. Bagot and Jack Offley are here, and when they have seen me to the waterside, they start for London. [2 *pages*. *S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 259, *No.* 168.]

May 3 ? Petition of Thos. Richardson to the King, for leave for Sir Thos. Beaumont, High Sheriff of Leicestershire, to appear at the Common Pleas bar on 12 May, as witness in an action between him and Sir Thos. Doleman, upon a title of land. [*Ibid. No.* 169.]

May 3. Whitehall. The King to the Vice-Treasurer of Ireland. We have promised to give 4,000*l.* to Catherine Boynton, maid of honour to the Queen, in consideration of her services, and the merits of her father, Col. Matthew Boynton, who was killed in the late King's service, and also to promote her marriage with Col. Rich. Talbot. You are to pay the money from the revenues of Ireland, one moiety during the present year, the other in the year 1670. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 24, *p.* 39.]

[May 3.] Draft of the above, naming the sum at 6,000*l.* [*Unfinished. S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 259, *No.* 169A.]

May 3. Whitehall. Licence to Lawrence Cole, citizen of London, to export 3 horses into France, paying customs. Minute. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 25, *f.* 100.]

May 3. Warrant for a release and discharge to Gilbert Garrett, executor of the late George Steward, accountant for public moneys, for 200*l.*, and to Rich. Kett and Dan. Bradford for 5*l.* 14*s.* 5¼*d.*, which they acknowledged, before the Commissioners appointed to inquire after public moneys in Norfolk, to remain in their hands, on their payment thereof; also warrant for a grant of the said sums to Sir Edw. Savage, gentleman of the privy chamber, for his loyalty to the late and present King. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 26, *f.* 59.]

May 3. Chatham. John Moore and Edw. Moorcock to the Navy Commissioners. We cannot remove the *Oak* for want of the lighters which are employed with the ships ordered to sea. We beg further orders, and a supply of victuals. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 259, *No.* 170.]

May 3. The King to the Master, &c., of Christ's College, Cambridge. You obeyed our mandate in the election to a fellowship of Thos. Lovet, B.A., being of a Southern county, though not a foundation scholar. We now require you to admit John Andrews, B.A., who is a foundation scholar, to the next fellowship, though he be of the same county as Lovet, any statute to the contrary notwithstanding. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 27, *f.* 147.]

May 4. Roger Baker, late purser of the *Dartmouth*, to the Navy Commissioners. I am in a deplorable condition, owing to Capt. Rich. Trevanion's barbarous beating, and his wasting my stores. I beg for a protection till I have passed my intricate accounts, which will take time, as I am 5 years in arrears; my creditors have threatened to clap me into prison, by reason of my dismissal by the unjust sentence of the court martial. Thanks for your having

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moved his Royal Highness on my behalf; I beg this further favour, seeing that malice has been the cause of my ruin, which will be irreparable if not supported by you. I hope my captain may not receive his wages, until satisfaction is given me for the abuses and damages sustained through him. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 259, *No.* 171.]

May 4. Woolwich. Capt. W. Hannam to the Navy Commissioners. I sounded the Gallions lately, and found not so much water as at Woolwich; only small frigates will ride there, and the channel is so narrow that there is no room for a ship to wind. I will sound it again, but I know that no ship of consequence will lie there. The *Ruby* grounds for the want of taking out her cask, although not drawing 14 feet of water. I want orders about 5 watermen living here, who pull down the wrecks lying here. [*Ibid. No.* 172.]

May 4. Woolwich. Edw. Byland to Pepys. I fear [Walter] Stafford will not complete the pinnaces in the time fixed, but have lent him assistants. I want a spindle for the crane, and orders to Mr. Shish to send down calkers for the *Portsmouth* and *Centurion*, and also some broom and spars. We are working on the new ship, and intend to haul the *Centurion* ashore, and finish the *Success* and *Assistance*. The party that gave 320*l.* for the *House of Sweden* will not gain much by her, as there is a great deal of tough work about the gundeck, and they can work but little in a tide. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 173.]

May 4. John Huntington to the Navy Commissioners. I beg directions to the victualler to receive the remains of provisions aboard the *Adam and Eve* hoy, she having been paid off and discharged. [*Ibid. No.* 174.]

May 4. Portsmouth. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. I expect directions as to paying the *Mary* and *Bristol*. We are going on with the *Primrose*, and intend paying off the *Tiger* to-morrow, all of which may take in their provisions in a few days, after being graved. The *Dragon* has sailed from Spithead, and the *Deptford* ketch to the eastward, and the *Portsmouth* will follow. We want a supply of spars, masts, and broom. [*Ibid. No.* 175.]

May 4. Deal. B. St. Michel, muster master, to Pepys. The *Nonsuch* arrived in the Downs on the 30th. I went aboard and mustered her, although the captain was very high, and said I should not do it. I desire you will acquaint the Board of the absence of the purser, and of the continual absence of pursers from their ships; they come on shore as soon as they hear there is a muster master in the Downs, and take horse for London, so that their stewards may have the excuse that they have carried away the keys, and cannot come at the books, except the mess book, wherein there are neither entries nor discharges. I request that orders may be given for the pursers being on board, and furnishing the books required, so as to enable me to make a proper muster. I have sent three muster books for ships named by the Canterbury coach, and beg an acknowledgment of their arrival. [1½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 176.]

May 4. Warrant prohibiting the exportation of stone from the isle of Portland, without leave of Dr. Chris. Wren, surveyor of the works,

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as there has been much waste of stone there, whereby the pier is decayed, and the price of stone enhanced, and as stone is much needed for repair of the King's houses and St. Paul's. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 129.]

May 4. A. Ellis to Williamson. Pray use your influence in getting the bearer admitted to an interest in the lottery. He is a countryman of mine, and served his Majesty in the wars, for which he has been involved in the common suffering, and his father has disinherited him. I solicited Lord Arlington on his behalf, who promised that, on your return, all should be done that the affair would bear. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 259, *No.* 177.]

May 4. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Departure of the *Deptford* ketch; the *Dragon* still remains at Spithead, ready for sea. [*Ibid. No.* 178.]

May 4. Portsmouth. B. J[ohnson] to Williamson. The *Dragon* is gone for the Downs, and the *Deptford* and *Portsmouth* ketches for Deptford. The *Bristol* and 3 others are being graved and fitted. [*Ibid. No.* 179.]

May 4. Cary Heydon to Williamson. Has Lord Arlington seconded Prince Rupert by speaking to the Commissioners for Indigent Officers, who best knew my father, Sir John Heydon's great merits? If so, I shall then find no opposition with regard to the share I expect. As I can get no other consideration from Court, I hope you will so far contribute to the memorable ashes of my father, by putting his lordship in mind of the misfortunes of his unfortunate daughter. [*Ibid. No.* 180.]

May 4. Reference to the Treasury Commissioners of the petition of Lady Fanshaw, widow of Sir Rich. Fanshaw, for discharge of her account for plate in the Jewel House. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 21.]

May 4 ? Warrant for a release in form given to Ann, widow of Sir Rich. Fanshaw, for large quantities of silver plate as described, delivered from the Jewel House to her late husband, for his embassies in Spain and Portugal, which should have been returned thither; but his death being in time of war, she dared not send the plate by sea, and had it broken up for convenience of land carriage; it could not therefore be given in to the Jewel House, and 2,000*l.* paid in by her has been accepted instead, in consideration of the services of her husband. [3 *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 259, *No.* 181.]

May 4. Reference to the Treasury Commissioners of the petition of Mat. Clarke, for certain houses in Whitechapel and Cripplegate, discovered by him. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 21.]

May 4. Reference to Lord Keeper Bridgman of the petition of John Buckner, and 3 other executors of the late James Pitt, for a commission of review, to determine some controversies arising in the trust. [*Ibid. p.* 22.]

May 5. Licence for ——— Ayscough to travel. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 130.]

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May [4]. Regulations to be observed by the Fellows and students of King's, Trinity, and St. John's Colleges, on the visit of the Prince of Tuscany to Cambridge. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 259, *No.* 182.]

May 5. St. Alban's Hall, Oxford. Dr. Thos. Lamplugh to Williamson. The Prince of Tuscany was solemnly received at St. Alban's Hall yesterday. A degree was proffered him and declined, but his physician was admitted, which, with a speech by the public orator, was all that was done. Particulars of his reception at Magdalen, All Souls, St. John's, and Christ Church. The Vice-Chancellor and several doctors waited on him at his inn, the Angel, and thanked him for honouring the University with his presence. He attended Convocation, having a seat as high as the Vice-Chancellor's; thence he went to the library, and was received with a speech, heard a lecture on architecture by Dr. Wallis, and also one on moral philosophy, which was disputed very well by two tabarders of Queen's College; thence to the music school, and back to his lodgings. [*Ibid. No.* 183.]

May 5. Whitehall. Petition of Wenceslaus Libanus to the King, for the living of St. Andrew's, Walpole, co. Norfolk, value 100*l.* a year. Was born in Moravia, and is a member of the poor persecuted Bohemian churches; has been tossed up and down the world for 40 years, and afterwards brought into England, where having attained a knowledge of the English tongue, he put himself into holy orders, and has been a constant preacher in co. Herts for 5 years as a curate. With reference thereon to Walter, Bishop of Oxford, and his report that the petitioner is every way qualified for the favour he desires. [*Ibid. No.* 184.] *Annexing,*

> *Certificate by Dr. John Durel, that Wenceslaus Libanus, a priest of the Church of England, is a learned and sober man, and a very good preacher.*—28 *April* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 184i.]

May 5. Entry of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 22.]

May 5. Certificate by Sir John Frederick, Justice of the Peace for London, that Hans Peterson, an alien, has taken the oath of allegiance and supremacy. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 259, *No.* 185.]

May 5. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. Arrival of 2 Virginia ships, supposed to have been lost; 80 sail have come in since Friday. The Algiers ships plunder our merchantmen in the Straits. A ship bound for Tangiers came in to-day. [*Ibid. No.* 186.]

May 5. Petition of John Lewis of Clanfield, Hants, to the King. My father, Dr. Henry Lewis, late Master of St. Cross, sent the late King 500*l.* and 4 good horses, besides several other sums, for which he was plundered by the enemy to the value of 3,000*l.* By his will, upon record in the Prerogative Office, he bequeathed the said 500*l.* to me, and I beseech his Majesty to make it good. I have Mr. Allen's hand for its receipt into the late King's privy purse. My father also bestowed 400*l.* upon the rebuilding of St. Cross Mills, which I hold by lease at about 14*l.* a year; by reason of the great charge I have been at in improving the same, together with the cheapness of corn, 1669

breaking of my tenant in the said mills, and the heavy double taxes imposed, I have become in arrear for 2 years, and for non-payment, am in danger of being turned out of possession.

I beg, in consideration of my father's sufferings, that I may be continued in possession, and that satisfaction may be given for the said 500*l.*, partly out of these arrears of rent, partly out of the growing profits of the hospital, during the vaancy of a master, as far as it may amount, and the rest in any other way that his Majesty shall think fit. With reference thereon to the Treasury Commissioners June 17. [2¾ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 259, *No.* 187.]

May 5. Dr. Edw. Castell to Williamson. I beg you to defer inserting a paper I sent in for the *Gazette* until the 13th, as the necessity of presenting the King, Lord Arlington, and the Dean of the chapel all their books together requires it. [*Ibid. No.* 188.] *Annexed,*

> *Memorandum that the long-expected Heptaglot Lexicon being finished, and notice given that the copies are to be delivered out every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday to subscribers, at a warehouse in the Charterhouse, between* 8 *and* 12 *a.m. and* 2 *to* 6 *p.m.; as the Doctor* [*Castell*] *is to wait upon the delivery of the books himself, and is at a great charge, the warehouse will not be open longer than a fortnight, since after that time, he must attend upon another employment at Cambridge.* [*Ibid. No.* 188I.]

May 5. Cambridge. Dr. Ralph Cudworth to Williamson. I have seen the gentleman that I recommended, and as you have assured your assistance in the preservation of the freedom of the [Christ's] College, so as not to have unfit persons imposed upon us for our chief preferments, and to be our perpetual companions, I will assist him to the utmost of my ability, as D. C. [Damaris Cudworth] will also do. [*Ibid. No.* 189. *See p.* 331, *infra.*]

May 6. [Approbation of] Sir Edm. Jennings and 2 others as deputy-lieutenants for the West Riding of Yorkshire. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 20, *p.* 197.]

May 6. Passport for transporting 7 coach horses into Sweden, for the use of the Earl of Carlisle, Ambassador to that Court. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 100.]

May 6. Whitehall. Passport for Mat. Battaglia, an Italian, the King's servant, who has desired leave of absence for 3 or 4 months, to attend to his own business in Italy. [*Latin. Foreign Entry Book* 12, *p.* 220.]

May 6. Deptford. Jonas Shish and 3 other officers to the Navy Commissioners. Ask for a warrant for a new fence, between the Brick Close and the way leading to Sir Rich. Browne's; the present one being a low, old, and decayed pale, there are many embezzlements from the yard, and the men employed many times come that way out of the town, and answer to their names at call time, when they have not been at work. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 259, *No.* 190.] *Enclosing,*

> *Estimate for a wall of* 22 *rods,* 10 *feet high and* 2 *bricks thick from the foundation to* 2 *feet, and the rest one brick and a half; total,* 90*l.* 4*s.* [*Ibid. No.* 190I.]

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May 6. Deptford. Jonas Shish to the Navy Commissioners. I have acquainted the calkers with your warrant for sending them to Woolwich; they answer that they have neither money nor credit, nor meat nor drink, when they get there. We are calking the *London*, &c., and have only 13 men, 4 of whom have left, to work on merchant ships, although warned. I want a supply of plank. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 259, *No.* 191.]

May 6. Thos. Alexander and Thos. Carter to the Navy Commissioners. Being bound for sea in the *Jersey*, we beg your direction to the Governors of the Chest, to pay us the pension of Wm. Corbet, purser of the *Coventry*, having made it appear to the Commissioners of Parliament that he made away with our tickets, and having a warrant from them to take him into custody, and to stop his pension towards satisfaction. With shorthand notes of a reply. [*Ibid. No.* 192.]

May 6. Portsmouth. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. Particulars of the payment and repair of ships, and turning over of their men. I am sorry for your difficulty in obtaining money, not so much for myself, although I have gone too far by near 1,000*l.*; but I am troubled to think of the condition of the Navy, that a ship three-quarter built should lie another year unfinished, and that we cannot proceed with the repair of others, for want of materials. We must discharge the workmen also, and if without money, their cry will be great; my ears are daily filled with their complaints. I entreat that they may speedily receive their two months past, and the quarter promised them.

I will let Capt. Deane have 40 men from here for the forest, as notwithstanding they are required in the yard, yet the want of materials being considered, they may be better spared than that number added to the service.

I cannot give an account of my engagements, but the value is about 3,000*l.*, fitting out the ships included; this sum will make but a mean supply of timber and plank, works in hand considered; so that were the 500*l.* in Mr. Ridge's hands sure, it would make but 2,100*l.*, which is 900*l.* short of what is agreed for; if money cannot be had, I must relinquish the bargain with Mr. Cozens for the 302 trees, which will be to his damage, they being in part already squared; but he would rather you should leave the bargain, than disappoint him of his money. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 193.]

May 6. Whitehall. Petition of Sir Wm. Wray, Bart., to the King. Sir Henry Vane, junr., who was attainted of high treason, having during my minority, in the lifetime of Sir Christopher Wray, my late father, married my eldest sister, my father used the name of the said Sir Henry Vane in trust in divers settlements concerning his estate, and for raising portions for his other daughters, My mother, Dame Albinia Wray, also purchased certain lands with moneys received by her out of the trust estate, and with other moneys paid her by me, and took the conveyances in her own name, and that of Sir Henry Vane, whom she appointed one of her executors; so that the conveyances and writings coming to his hands, as executor, after my mother's death, they have been detained from me, and could not be enrolled by me within the time limited, and by reason thereof, they have, according to law, become forfeited to his Majesty, although in equity still subject to the trusts in the conveyances mentioned. I beg a grant of the legal estate vested in your Majesty for want of the enrolment of these conveyances.

With reference thereon to Attorney-General Palmer, and his report. I found the facts generally as stated by the petitioner, and that although he is advised by his counsel that his deeds need no enrolling, yet the estate in law which was in Sir Henry Vane, being forfeited by Vane's attainder, although the petitioner's trust and equity is not forfeit, I conceive it fit that he should obtain a grant from your Majesty, for the execution of the trust.—14 May, 1669. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 259, *No.* 194.]

May 6. Entry of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 23.]

May 6. Newmarket. Michael Haley to [Francis]. I am sorry I could not see the gentleman you mention. Remember me to Mrs. Moundeford, Mr. Widdrington, and Capt. Davenport. [*Ibid. No.* 195.]

May 6. Queen's College, Oxford. Dr. Thos. Barlow to Williamson. I acknowledge receipt of a censure on some books which are damned at Rome, and believe my thanks are due to you for it. The Prince of Tuscany arrived here late on Monday night, and on Tuesday, had all the reception and respect the University could give. The public Professors were in every school, some of whom he was pleased to hear, and stayed through the disputations on philosophy. "I am well pleased that our old mother hath still some young sons that will and can nimbly defend truth, and our old philosophy." [*Ibid. No.* 196.]

May 6. Letter Office. James Hickes and A. Ellis to Williamson. The delay in delivering these letters is caused by the porter sometimes being away on other business. Pray speak to Lord Arlington that we may have 2 men always ready here for the despatch requisite. [*Ibid. No.* 197.]

May 6. James Ghibbes to Lord [Arlington]. Though I sent you a book 2 years since, printed by Sir Wm. Temple's means at Brussels, consecrated to the glory of your name, which has never been acknowledged, it will not dismay or keep me back from persevering to gain your grace and protection in my literary endeavours. I send you a copy of my Latin Lyrics, printed in Rome, and dedicated to his Holiness, written to the imitation of just as many books and odes of Horace. Our grand Monarch makes a great part in it, as actor of many heroic and prodigious achievements. I have 9 other volumes ready for the press, of equal size, in Greek and Latin, prose and verse, and shall petition his Majesty for leave to gild the frontispiece of the best with the brightness of his royal splendours. Mediate for the clemency of his gracious acceptance of the book sent, and of the one that is to come. [*Ibid. No.* 198.]

May 6. Whitehall. J. Williamson to the Dean of Christ Church. [Rich.] March, an ancient and faithful servant to his Majesty, has applied for a letter of recommendation in favour of his grandchild, a young scholar at

Westminster, to be chosen away to Oxford the next election, he being of years and proficiency sufficient to render him deserving of that encouragement. His Majesty, being very willing to gratify an old servant in so small a matter, directed that it should be done, but being desirous that *mandamuses* should not issue too lightly, in cases of this kind, as being of ill consequence to the foundation of all learning, I had his leave to send this letter, believing it will have the same effect as if a *mandamus* had been issued, and yet the freedom of the election will remain entire. [*Draft. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 259, *No.* 199.] *Annexing,*

> *Petition of Rich. March, his Majesty's servant, to the King, for a letter to the Dean of Christ Church, Oxford, for the election of his grandchild, who has been* 6 *or* 7 *years at Westminster, and is of good parts and endowments.* [*Ibid. No.* 199I.]

May 7. Petition of Robert Clavell to Lord Arlington. Having been a post-office clerk 3 years, I collected the names of all booksellers in the 3 kingdoms, and by permission of the Booksellers' Company of London, have printed and dispersed a catalogue of new books, which has gained reputation; but I am threatened that another catalogue will be licensed and printed, unless I can show a better title to mine than Mr. Lestrange can give me. I beg a patent for my catalogue, to be entitled "*Mercurius Librarius,*" that I may set up a correspondence in foreign cities. [*Ibid. No.* 200.]

May 7. Agreement between John Starkey and Rob. Clavell, that the "*Mercurius Librarius,*" or catalogue of new books, shall be collected by them jointly, and the profits shared; that each copy shall contain their joint names, and notice of sale at John Starkey's, The Mitre, Fleet Street, and that Starkey may insert free any books published by himself. [*Ibid. No.* 201.]

May 7. Whitehall. Order in Council—on petition of Albert Otto Faber, 6 months' prisoner in Oxford gaol, for release,—that Lord Arlington give a warrant to John Sumner, messenger, who had him formerly in custody, to fetch him to appear before his lordship. [*Ibid. No.* 202.]

May 7. Warrant for erecting an office of chemical physician to the King, fee 20 marks a year, and appointing Dr. Thos. Williams thereto, his Majesty wishing to encourage so important an art, and hearing of the extraordinary learning and skill which he shows in compounding and inventing medicines, some of which have been prepared in the royal presence; with leave to make experiments in all his Majesty's chemical laboratories. [*Ibid. No.* 203.]

[May 7.] Draft of the above, curtailed. [*Ibid. No.* 204.]

May 7. Minute of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 129.]

Docquet of the above, dated 9 June. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 55.]

May 7. Grant to Jeremiah Houghton of the office of keeper of the Armoury at Westminster, wages 12*s.* a day. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *p.* 129.]

May 7. Presentation of Weneslaus Libanus to the living of St. Andrew's in Walpole, co. Norfolk. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 19, *f.* 104.]

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May [14]. Copy of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 259, *No.* 205.]

May. Docquets of the above, dated 14 May and 1 May. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *Nos.* 43, 49.]

May 7. Warrant for naturalising three foreign ships employed in the trade to Norway and the Baltic, conformably to an order of Council of 23 April 1669. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 130.]

May 7. London. James Hickes to Williamson. Divers letters of late directed to Mr. Holder, at the African House, have come to the Letter Office, two of which he opened and read, and then gave them back, refusing to pay the postage, as there was treason in them, for aught he knew, and from whom and whence they came he knew not. I gave them to Mr. Ellis, who delivered them to my Lord. More have since come from the same hand, which Ellis showed me, all speaking of persons coming to the city, with fire balls and grenadoes, to fire Whitehall, the stables, and his house in Broad Street. In one to-day, divers persons are specified as coming to the Strand to-night, and to other places to-morrow. I know not whether the letters come from some mad or distempered person, but a serious consideration and inquisition ought to be had, for the preservation of his Majesty's person, the whole Court, and the remaining part of the distressed city. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 259, *No.* 206.]

May 7. Brooke House, Holborn. Order by the Committee of Accounts, directing William Wardour, Clerk of the Pells, to bring in without delay an account of all moneys received and paid at the Exchequer, upon the Acts of Parliament for raising moneys by the Poll, Additional supply, &c., according to a former order of the Committee, dated 5 March 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 207.]

May 7. Chatham. John Moore and Edw. Moorcock to the Navy Commissioners. We shall, as ordered, neither enter men nor increase the charge until further directions. We are exceedingly straitened for victuals, which have been finished 14 days; so we are forced to procure some on credit until an order is received, which we desire by the master of the *Harwich* hoy, whose victualling is also expired. We beg a month's provision, which is in good part expended already. [*Ibid. No.* 208.]

May 7. The *Elias* Hulk. John Garratt to the Navy Commissioners. Having received neither victuals nor pay for 14 months, I beseech you to consider my condition, being 7 in family. I have empowered Wm. Hewer, by letter of attorney, to receive money on my behalf. [*Ibid. No.* 209.]

May 8. John Brooke to the Navy Commissioners. The *Revenge* and *St. David* have been docked and graved, the *Dreadnought* docked again, and the *Montague* is at her moorings. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 1.]

May 8. Deptford. Jonas Shish [to the Navy Commissioners]. Intends getting in the beams of the *London* next week; is in great want of knees formerly demanded. As now is the season for felling, if they

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will send to the purveyor to search Berkshire and Sussex, he may have the first opportunity to supply the service with knees, before the shipwrights in the river lay hold of them; by reason of so many ships' building, they will become very scarce. [*Ibid. No.* 2.]

May 8. Chatham. John Brooke and Edw. Homewood to the Navy Commissioners. Ask for 10 or 12 Spanish tables, being constrained to disfurnish the *Revenge* and other ships, to supply the *Mary Rose* and others fitting out; also for orders as to proceeding with the works of the *Revenge* and *St. David*, both being docked. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 3.]

May 8. Woolwich. Wm. Castell and Abraham Greaves to the Navy Commissioners. Have surveyed the wreck of the *Royal James*, and received information from Messrs. Byland & Shish, touching the works propounded to make her a hulk, but do not think her convenient for one, unless she is made shorter, the doing of which, and the other works, will amount to 1,982*l.* [*Ibid. No.* 4.]

May 8. The *Orange*, Downs. Capt. Andrew Ball to the Navy Commissioners. I will, as ordered, reduce the number of my men forthwith. There are no ships here bound for the Straits, except the *Dragon*, which may have them all; if she will not, I will put them on shore at Deal. I want 40 printed tickets, and beg to be allowed 10 men more. [*Ibid. No.* 5.]

May 8. Warrant to the Treasury Commissioners, to order the Surveyor-General to make out a contract of Audley End, co. Essex, which the King is purchasing from the Earl of Suffolk for 50,000*l.*, and on their approval thereof, to order the Attorney-General to prepare conveyances to the Crown. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 26, *f.* 60.]

May 8. Warrant for a grant of a pension of 200*l.* a year for 21 years to Catherine, widow of Col. Gunter, who was instrumental in the King's happy escape after the battle of Worcester. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Books* 30, *f.* 130; 21, *p.* 75.]

May. Docquet of the above, dated 17 May. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 44.]

May 8. The King to Lord-General the Duke of Albemarle. We have appointed, by advice of Prince Rupert, a major in Windsor Castle, to have charge of opening and shutting the gates, and other duties, and have allowed him the pay of 3 common soldiers of the castle. We wish you to order the commissary of musters to muster one man in each of the 3 companies belonging to the castle, for the said service. [*Copy. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 6.]

May 8. Entry of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30 *f*, 134.]

May 8. Court at Whitehall. Warrant to Lord Ashley, treasurer for prizes, to pay to Sir Stephen Fox 1,500*l.*, without account. Noted as entered by Lord Arlington as comptroller of prizes, June 30. With Sir S. Fox's receipt of the same, July 3. [*Copy. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 7.]

May 8. Lyme. Ant. Thorold to Hickes. The *Charity* and *St. George* have arrived from Croisic; also the *Greyhound* from Genoa, who fell in with 4 Turkish men-of-war, the Admiral of which boarded him, but only took a chest of lemons and some mathematical instruments. They were very inquisitive about a Spanish ship that was to set out from Alicant Bay, with 300 or 400 soldiers and provisions, for a place on the coast of Barbary held by the Spaniards from the Turks, and said their business was to look after them. An Algiers man and Sally man also came into the fleet, but finding so much good company, left them.

The *Lily Rose*, from Morlaix, reoprts that the soldiers raised for Candia are shipped from Brest; that they continue building great ships there, and that a proclamation has been issued by the French, laying an imposition of 27 livres, besides the tonnage, upon all Dutch and English ships which shall come into that river. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 8.]

May 8. Deal. Morgan Lodge to Williamson. I sent away the former packet, but this last is come too late. [*Ibid. No.* 9.]

May 9. Dr. Ralph Cudworth [Master of Christ's College, Cambridge] to Williamson. I perceive you have read the letter I sent by my son, Dr. Abney. I must intimate to you that the Fellows have a person of a peaceable disposition, whom they can choose without any dispensation, and whether I agree or not, as the major part makes an election without the master; but if any fit person be recommended by the King, I believe they will be very ready to manifest their loyalty by accepting him. Besides the unfitness of your person, the consequence of his coming in will so disturb the happiness and comfort of all our lives, that if you will endeavour to satisfy Lord Arlington, and take him off from urging Mr. F[anshaw] upon us, I shall feel bound to serve you whilst I live. [1¾ *pages. Ibid. No.* 10. *See p.* 321.]

May 9. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. Ten merchant ships have sailed westward, also the *Nonsuch* and some victuallers for Tangiers and the Straits. The *Dragon*, and the merchant ship whose master was buried last Friday, are in the Downs. [*Ibid. No.* 11.]

May 9. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. This spring[tide] the *Resolution* and 2 others were graved and fitted for sea; the *Monmouth* and 4 others were paid off, and order is come for the like to be done to the rest of Sir Thos. Allin's squadron. [*Ibid. No.* 12.]

May 9? Whitehall. Petition of Thos. Killigrew, Groom of the Bedchamber, to the King, for a grant of such goods, &c., as he shall discover of [Edw.] Oram, otherwise called Capt. Birch, apprehended for clipping and filing coin. [*Ibid. No.* 12A.]

May 9. Caveat that no grant pass of Edw. Oram, *alias* Capt. Birch's, estate without giving notice to Mr. Killigrew. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 32, *p.* 5.]

May 9. Warrant for 30 suits of arms out of the Tower, for Sir Thos. Armstrong's troop. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 130.]

May 9. Portsmouth. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. I will observe your directions, when the money comes for payment of the *Mary* and *Bristol*. The ships are all graved and off the ground, and I shall quicken them with their victualling. The seamen are very remiss in their attendance, and neither commands, threatenings, nor advice prevail with them; we are forced to have labourers out of the yard, or their work would be undone.

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It grieves me to hear the sad complaints of the workmen for want of money; the discontinuance of their monthly pay will ruin them, as it has put them out of credit, and none will trust them. I refer you to my last as to a supply of stores; you very well know that want of seasonable repairs is as destructive to a navy of ships as the wars.

I have stopped the pay of the boatswain of the *Nightingale*, several of the seamen accusing him of having sent ropes, oars, and sails on shore, belonging to the ship. I sent the Clerk of the Survey on board the *Princess*, and he found 42 coils of Flemish rope in the boatswain's store room, which he alleges were sent by Sir Edw. Spragg as an adventure, but not sold off. [1½ *pages*. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 13.]

May 9. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury, Clerk of the Survey, to Pepys. I went on board the *Princess* to survey the stores; and after I had made an end, I got a candle, and went into the hold, and found 42 coils of Flemish cordage, which the boatswain says belongs to Sir Edw. Spragg, and has been in the ship all the voyage, he not liking the rates offered for it abroad, being 7 and 10 dollars. Enquiries should be made as to the truth of his statement, before any application can be made to Sir Edw. Spragg or the captain. [*Ibid. No.* 14.]

May 9. M. Wren to Pepys. When the Board attends his Royal Highness to-morrow, they are to be prepared to give an opinion which of the 5th-rate frigates will be most fitting to be sent to the West Indies. [*Ibid. No.* 15.]

May 10. Sir John Mennes to the Duke of York. I have read over the general and additional instructions established by you, for commanders and others belonging to the Navy, and observe they are so comprehensive in declaring every person's duty, that if they were observed, there would be no need of any addition to them; but the want of the performance of them occasions the suggestion of 6 amendments or additions, as to making and keeping journals, entries and discharges, expenses, &c. [2 *pages*. *Ibid. No.* 16.]

May 10. Capt. Andrew Ball to the Navy Commissioners. I have reduced my complement of men to 40, and send a list of those put on shore, the remainder being taken by the lieutenant of the *Dragon*. Having no tickets on board, and being ordered to sail with the *Nonsuch*, I send a true copy of the entry and discharge of the men in a list enclosed. [*Ibid. No.* 17.]

May 10. Chatham. Phin. Pett to the Navy Commissioners. I have docked the *Revenge* and two others, and require 3 cwt. of copper and other things named for despatch of their works. Mr. Steere will make no absolute bargain for his timber till it has been viewed, but asks 58*s.* a load, to be paid on delivery of every 50 loads. The carpenters of those ships ordered for sea desire to have most of their crew out of the King's yard here; if this be done, I beg your warrant to the Clerk of the Cheque for entering others in their room, as we much want men. [2 *pages*. *Ibid. No.* 18.]

May 10. Whitehall. Petition of John Sharpe, prisoner at Maidstone, to the King. Was convicted at the Maidstone Assizes of the murder of George

Whitfield, of which he was innocent, the said Whitfield having been killed by a pistol discharged at him by Wm. Browne, whom he had first assaulted, and who escaped. Upon the petition of Mathew Sharpe and Abraham Hosmer, the petitioner's father and father-in-law, and a certificate by the justices for the county, his Majesty was pleased to reprieve him until the next Assizes; now he presumes to beg for his life.

With reference thereon to Justice Morton, and his report that Whitfield came to his death by Wm. Browne, *alias* Granger, a notorious forger, shooting him, but that petitioner was found guilty as a principal; believes he was not wilfully guilty of any premeditated malice, but casually fell into the crime by being in company with Browne, *alias* Granger; as the petitioner and his friends have undertaken to be instrumental in discovering and apprehending Granger, conceives him to be a fit object of his Majesty's mercy. [*S.P. Dom. Car. II.* 260, *No.* 19.]

May 10. Entry of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 24.]

May 10. Whitehall. Warrant for a grant of pardon to Sharpe, accordingly. [*S.P. Dom. Car. II.* 260, *No.* 20.]

May 10. Paper endorsed "Ceremonial of the Guards," being questions and answers [by Lord Arlington] as to the precedence and rule to be observed by regiments generally in marching. The 4 regiments are to march and keep their rank according to the antiquity of the regiment, and so with all other regiments. The colonel of the regiment of his Majesty's foot shall be looked upon and obeyed as general officer in the field, as well as in the town, and shall command both horse and foot; and the captains of the Guards of Horse shall be looked upon as colonels. [2 *pages. Draft. Ibid. No.* 21.]

May 10. Fair copy of the above. [*Ibid. No.* 22.]

May 10. Rydal. Daniel Fleming to Williamson. I am glad to hear of your late purchase at Winderwath, since it will oblige you to have more kindness for this county [Westmoreland], and I hope it will make you a suitable return. I know of none that envies you this or your other purchase in Cumberland, and for my part I am very joyful of it.

The Presbyterians are designing some mischief, for besides the boldness of the highwaymen in divers places, there are many false reports; such as that the Scots are up in arms; that the Bishops' and Deans and Chapters' lands will be sold, or annexed to the Crown, in place of the Excise or Hearth Money, and the Bishops be maintained by salaries out of the Exchequer. I believe mischief is intended, as a field officer in the late war amongst them was told by one faction in Yorkshire that, if he would stand for a Parliament man, he should not only have his charges of the election, but be defrayed during his stay at the Parliament, out of a common purse; and if he doubted, he should have good security. But he declining, they endeavoured to engage him and his interest against the election of any courtier, or episcopal person, which shows the activity of the party to undo us; if that fails, then probably they'll follow some martial method. "I hope God will be so favourable as not to permit the King and Kingdom to be

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twice cheated by one wick"; I presume all good subjects take it for granted that faction will strike at the Crown, as well as the mitre, and I hope his Majesty will ever remember King James's adage, "No Bishop, no King." [1¼ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 23.]

May 10. Pendennis. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. A vessel has arrived from Norway with plank and deal boards. I wish some severe course could be taken with the fanatics, as all sorts increase, and keep their conventicles daily, contrary to law and order. [*Ibid. No.* 24.]

May 11. Portsmouth. B. J. [Ben. Johnson] to Williamson. The *Princess* and 2 others were paid off last week, and this week the *Mary* and *Bristol* will be, as also the yard for the last 2 months. The *Resolution, Mary,* and *Bristol* have been graved. The *Hamburg Merchant* and a pink from London have arrived at Spithead, to take in provisions, &c., for Tangiers. [*Ibid. No.* 25.]

May 11. C.C.C. [Christ's College, Cambridge]. Dr. John Carr to Williamson. I waited on the Vice-Chancellor, and related as pathetically as I could what you desired me to tell him on [Chris.] Barker's behalf. Our master, Dr. [Ralph] Cudworth, and I resolved to do all we could for him, but I heard at a coffeehouse that there was a congregation yesterday, at which a letter from the Chancellor was read, giving liberty, by the King's late concession to the University, to choose whom they think fit as beadle, notwithstanding his Majesty's letter in Barker's behalf; and both houses went up to desire the Vice-Chancellor that thanks might be returned to our Chancellor, in the name of the University. I wish Barker well, and thank you for the opportunity of his acquaintance.

Remember me to Mr. Parrott. Mrs. Cudworth is impatient for a letter on her son's behalf. You will soon have a representation from the major part of the College. I hope the Chancellor will take off Lord Arlington from [Chas.] Fanshaw. They talk here that you were too succinct in omitting in the *Gazette* the comedy at the Prince of Tuscany's entertainment at Cambridge, and too copious in the narrative of his reception at Oxford. [*Ibid. No.* 26.]

May 11. Warrant to pay to Sir Denis Gauden, victualler of the Navy, 11,200*l.* on account for sea victuals for 2,000 men for 6 months, above the 5,000 men's victuals formerly directed. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 42.]

May 11. Warrant to pay to the Farmers of the Customs all sums of money that shall be due to them, at the rate of 6*l.* per cent. per annum, for such sums as they shall advance to the Exchequer. [*Ibid.*]

May 11. Warrant for a grant of pardon to Rich. Sabine, convicted at the Old Bailey of manslaughter of Wm. Norton, on foul and urgent provocation. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 28, *f.* 23.]

May 11 Harwich. Thos. Langley to Pepys. The vessels laying upon the Ouse, for which the town of Harwich intends to petition his Majesty and his Royal Highness, are the bottoms of two old fireships, which during the late war were rendered unserviceable, and have lain there ever

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since without furniture, masts, yards, or anything that can be carried away; they may be worth 80*l.* for breaking up. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 27.]

May 11. Portsmouth. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. I have not seen Mr. Cozens about his timber, but believe he goes on squaring it; so I suppose he will not clear it. Mr. Ridge has an order for the 500*l.*; 1,000*l.* more would pay for this timber, and that bought by Capt. Deane of Mayle. I am glad the 2 months' pay is ordered, and hope it will not be long ere the quarter so long expected is paid to the workmen, to put them in some heart and quicken their diligence. I send a demand of provisions required, and desire they may be hastened down, as they cannot be obtained in these parts; also the number of men appointed to the *Resolution* and 2 other ships named, 820 in all, of which only 711 are entered. The *Orange* fireship having arrived at Spithead, I sent the letter to the captain, but have not seen him. [*Ibid. No.* 28.]

May 11. Wm. Williamson to the Navy Commissioners. The *Black Dog* hoy has arrived at Deptford, with timber from Stockwith, and will be half unladen to-day; our provisions being wholly expended, I desire you will direct the victualler for a supply. [*Ibid. No.* 29.]

May 11. Portsmouth. Capt. Ant. Deane to the Navy Commissioners. I received your commands for building a fifth-rate ship along with the other; I pray dispatch of the order about the trees, having lost a month of such weather as will not be redeemed without loss, unless speedily prevented by your application to the [Treasury] Commissioners for the warrant. [*Ibid. No.* 30.]

May 12. Sir Edw. Spragg to the Navy Commissioners. I sent a parcel of Dutch cordage belonging to Col. J. Strode, which he sent with the *Antelope,* Capt. Wilkshaw commander, into the Straits; he being ordered home, I left it with Capt. [Ant.] Langston, of the *Princess,* to be sold for my use. I wish it had been sold there; I should then not have an account of 10 coils stolen the day the ship was paid off. [*Ibid. No.* 31.]

May 12. Capt. Hugh Ridley to Thos. Hayter. Asks for a blank ticket for Mrs. Wickham. [*Ibid. No.* 32.]

May 12. Commissions for Edw. Harris to be lieutenant, and ——— Broughton, ensign to Sir Bourchier Wray. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 20, *p.* 199.]

May 12. Dispensation to Dr. John Neile to hold the rectory of Beeford, with the vicarage of Northallerton, co. York. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 19, *p.* 104.]

[May 12.] Petition of Henry Wotton, chaplain to the House of Commons, to the King, for the prebend in Windsor void by the death of Dr. Rich. [David] Stokes, having relinquished a previous claim in behalf of a chaplain of Prince Rupert, and being commended by Prince Rupert to preferment. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 33.]

May 12. Warrant for a grant to Hen. Wotton, chaplain in ordinary, of the prebend in the Chapel Royal, Windsor, void by death of Dr. Stokes. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 27, *f.* 11.]

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May 12. Warrant to the Attorney-General to draw a bill as follows:—The King to the Treasury Commissioners and officers of the Exchequer. On some dispute as to the pensions granted 26 Oct., 1660, to John, Earl of Bath, made groom of the stole, and first gentleman of the bedchamber, in place of the late Duke of Somerset, it was proved that the Earl's predecessors had enjoyed 5,000*l.* a year above the diet and board wages; viz., 2,000*l.* from the customs, 2,000*l.* from the privy purse in lieu of plate from the jewel house, and 1,000*l.* from the customs in lieu of liveries from the great wardrobe; therefore on 10 May 1661, the said Earl was appointed to be paid the said 5,000*l.* a year by warrant, till he should take out a patent. Since then he has had a patent for the 2,000*l.* on the customs, and now wishes one for the 3,000*l.*, to be all paid in money, with 7,250*l.* arrears. We order for payment of the said 3,000*l.* in addition to the other 2,000*l.* for life, with all arrears; the patent to be entered in the jewel-house and wardrobe, and no more plate or liveries to be allowed him. [3 *sheets. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 34.]

May 12. Entry of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 131.]

May. Docquet of the above dated 17 May. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 44.]

May 12. Warrant for a grant to Thos. Windham, equerry, on petition of his wife Elizabeth, who assisted the King's escape after the battle of Worcester, of a lease in reversion for 31 years, of Highbury Wood and Little St. John's Wood, Middlesex, rent 4*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.*; the fishing at Cobham Bridge 5*s.*; a house called Walton's Mess, Old Windsor, 4*l.*; 2 farms, 13*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.*, and Avelyn's grove 5*s.*, in New Windsor, Berks; the tithes of Pedwelliston, Dorset, 4*l.*; 4 prebends of Auckland, bishopric of Durham, 35*l.* 16*s.*, and Southfield in Hanbridge, co. Chester, 2*l.* [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 134.]

May 21. Draft of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II., No.* 35.]

May 12. Warrant from Lord Arlington to the keeper of the Gatehouse, to permit ——— Everard, a prisoner, to repair to his own house under a sufficient guard, to fetch such papers relating to prizes taken in the late war as may be useful to the Commissioners of Accounts now sitting at Brook House; and then Everard is to be reconveyed to prison. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 135.]

May 12. Declaration of his Majesty's approval of the accounts prefixed of J. Paul, Consul at Elsinore, for $3\frac{1}{4}$ years; although some articles in it seem rather to belong to the merchants for whose benefit they were expended, yet they are allowed, in consideration of his care and trouble during the late war with Denmark. [*Ibid. p.* 147.]

May 12. Whitehall. Warrant to the keeper of Horsham gaol, Sussex, to release Ambrose Rigg and Wm. Welsh, convicted of a *Premunire,* petition having been made for them. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 36.]

[May 12.] [Whitehall.] Petition of Lieut.-Colonel Thomas Cox to the King, for admission as tenant to a small house in Bexley near Dartford, Kent, which belongs to the Crown, though there are many pretenders to it, on condition of his making out the title at his own charge, and repairing it. [*Ibid. No.* 37.]

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May 12. Reference of the preceding petition to the Treasury Commissioners. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 24.]

May 12.
Whitehall.
Reference to the Treasury Commissioners of the petition of Chas. Charteris, merchant of Edinburgh, for the King's part of the ship *John Mussleborow,* forfeited to his Majesty. [*Ibid. p.* 25.]

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Saumur.
Robt. Murray to Williamson. Thanks for your introduction to so learned a man as M. Lefevre; though he does not know philosophy nor mathematics, which I wish to know, he is so learned in other things that a man gains much by his conversation. Description of Saumur. It has the best dancing-master in France, M. Jovert. I am learning mathematics from M. Mortaigne. I must apologize for my boldness in writing in French. [*French. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 38.]

May 12.
Falmouth.
Thos. Holden to Hickes. The *James* from Croisic, with salt, reports that the French are continually pressing for the fleet, and that they had to come away by stealth. The fleet at Rochelle is almost ready to put to sea, to join De Beaufort as succour for Candia. The *Samuel and Ann* of London, and the *Diamond* of Liverpool, have arrived from Barbadoes, with sugar and cotton, and report that Bridgetown is almost rebuilt. [*Ibid. No.* 39.]

May 12. Same to Williamson, to the like effect. [*Ibid. No.* 40.]

May 12.
Chester.
Ma. Anderton to Williamson. Last Sunday the Duchess of Ormond sailed from the Bay of Beaumaris for Dublin, in the pleasure boat, with a fair wind. [*Ibid. No.* 41.]

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Deal.
Morgan Lodge to Williamson. Shall I return the two packets sent me, one directed to Col. Norwood, [Deputy] Governor of Tangiers, and the other to Francis Parry in Portugal, there being no opportunity here of sending them? [*Ibid. No.* 42.]

May 12.
Standon.
Walter, Lord Aston, to [Lord Arlington]. Thanks for proceedings taken with regard to my petition to the King, for payment of a debt due by the late King to my father. I cannot but lament that, after so many years spent by my father in the service of King James and the late King, and the consumption therein of so great an estate, his Majesty cannot reward so loyal and deserving a servant as he ought and would. But the thorn presses deeper now, as I am destroyed by a patent granted by his Majesty to Colonel Vernon which, if it does not absolutely determine my command in Needwood, so lessens it that in esteem I shall be worse than nothing; his patent is for 3 lives, instead of during pleasure, which is contrary to your lordship's statement to me.

Pray solicit a similar grant in my patent, which will restore my honour, and be a comfort to my family and posterity, as otherwise I shall be looked upon as one high in his Majesty's displeasure. I conceive that Col. Vernon's services merit great reward, but nevertheless that I ought to have been consulted before any grant

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was passed to his Majesty's and my prejudice. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 43.]

May 12. Standon. Same to Williamson. I doubt not that after Lord Arlington has had the above letter, he will confer with you thereon; as I am compelled to leave London through the illness of my wife, I beg you will use your influence on my behalf. Should anything further be required, confer with Lady Anderson. I will hazard health or anything rather than suffer such an affront as I have received from Col. Vernon, whose friendship I have endeavoured to obtain, though to my prejudice. [*Ibid. No.* 44.]

May 12 ? Report by Lord Aston, on his commission to examine into abuses and encroachments committed in Needwood park since the restoration, containing details of the leases, the extent and value of the lands, &c. Wishes no new grant of the sole rangership of the red deer to be made, as prejudicial to the present keepers. Regrets that the keeperships of walks are passed for several lives, and not during pleasure; most of them passed before he had knowledge of them, which is bad encouragement for the keepers to obey him as their superior officer. [2 *sheets. Ibid. No.* 45.]

May 12. Dublin. Major Thos. Heron to Williamson. Thanks for your letter; you need not have made any apologies, as it is well known to all my uncle's relations how ready you have been to help or assist them. I have desired my brother to wait upon you for directions, but I would rather have some other employment, if it lies in your power and liking. [*Ibid. No.* 46.]

May 13. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Arrival of 3 or 4 ships at Spithead, with supplies for the garrison of Tangiers. [*Ibid. No.* 47.]

May 13. Oxford. Thos. Clifford to ———. I congratulate you on your late promotion in Cambridge. We hoped that as our University deservedly challenges the precedency, you would have honoured it with your degree. [*Ibid. No.* 48.]

May 13. Chatham. Surveyor Thos. Middleton to the Navy Commissioners. I think the *Fountain* the most proper ship for the voyage to the West Indies, if his Royal Highness does not appoint the *Sweepstakes.* We shall find sufficient Spanish tables for present supply aboard other ships, but the reason of the demand is that as Capt. Kempthorne had two for the accommodation of the Ambassadors, and some other ships wanting them, and no joiners to make any, we thought it best to have some in store. Spanish tables are much cheaper to the King than those formerly used, and I do not find any waste has been made; but if they were made of deal boards, they would be as useful and of half the price. The copper demanded is for the chimney of the *St. David,* and for funnels for the houses of office, which were formerly made of lead, but it is believed copper will be cheaper.

I have not been negligent in my duty so far as I have understood it, and I may say without presumption that I understand as much

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of the King's naval affairs as anyone that shall teach me; but if new work is cut out daily, there is no man in England shall ever be able to know an end of his work, nor how to do it.

I had given order for a supply of lime, copper, &c., and a promise to pay when delivered, before your order arrived. Mr. Pett's timber is very ordinary, and not fit for the new ship; I sent Mr. Lawrence to view it, and he says Sir Roger [Twysden] has 500 loads standing, the like of which is not to be found in any other part of the country, and is convenient for transporting. Mr. Tippetts has discoursed about it with Sir Roger, who will fell, bark, and take the lops, and sell it for 40*s.* per ton by the girth, so that you can have a load of 6 feet for 40*s.* The charge of bringing it into the yard will be 10*s.* a load, but you may judge it a good bargain at 3*l.*; and it will be much cheaper, as there must be knees and compass timber in it. Particulars of other timber offered and agreed for. The wharves and dock need repair, they going very much to decay. [5 *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 49.]

May 13. Wm. Williamson to the Navy Commissioners. I have "unlivered" the *Black Dog* hoy of the timber at Deptford, and she having been viewed by Mr. Shish, the master shipwright there, I am directed to move for an order to have her repaired. [*Ibid. No.* 50.]

May 13. Portsmouth. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. I paid the workmen their 2 months' pay, and intend payment of the *Mary* and *Bristol* to-morrow, when I shall not be wanting to persuade the seamen to attend their duties, and to threaten a stoppage of money in case of neglect. The 2 ships may be at Spithead in 10 days, if seamen are not wanting. I perceive you have forbidden Capt. Annesley the allowance of spare sails. Will you allow him a spare cable? The time for the sale of old provisions being at hand, say whether the payment is to be in ready money. [*Ibid. No.* 51.]

May 13. Deal. B. St. Michel, muster master, to the Navy Commissioners. I am infinitely encouraged to find my endeavours meeting with his Royal Highness' and your approbation; it will bear me up against the difficulties met with from the opposition of commanders, and the backwardness and practices of pursers and stewards, whose daily designs are either to prevent musters or accounts. The *Dragon* and *Orange* arrived in the Downs, and I have mustered them, and sent up the books. I beg payment to Mr. Hewer of my bill of imprest for 30*l.* [1¼ *pages. Ibid. No.* 52.]

May 13. John Huntington to the Navy Commissioners. I beg to be continued as master of the *Adam and Eve* hoy, during her repair and rigging at Deptford. [*Ibid. No.* 53.]

May 14. Whitehall. Petition of Edw. Progers, Groom of the Bedchamber, to the King. I built as ordered a lodge in the North Park, Hampton Court, at an expense of 4,000*l.*, and in 1664 presented a petition for payment, out of the felling of Wotton Coppice in the New Forest, which was referred to the then Lord Treasurer; he reported that he was not against it, and ordered the woodwards of that forest to view the

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coppice; but before such orders were put into execution, being informed by several gentlemen, who were neighbours to the said coppice, of the great prejudice it would be to his Majesty and the whole kingdom to fell it, being mostly excellent young timber, I acquainted his lordship with the information, and quitted my pretensions to it; not long after which his lordship died, and I never received satisfaction in any other way. I now beg a grant of part of what I may recover of Thos. Rogers, receiver for the Fire-Hearth money in Surrey, due to the King as arrears, which is likely to be lost if speedy course is not taken in it.

With reference thereon to the Treasury Commissioners; reference by them 18 May to Sir Rob. Long and Sir Edm. Sawyer; and their reports that 2,027*l.* 14*s.* 9*d.* was due by Thos. Rogers, as arrears, since which 219*l.* 19*s.* 8*d.* has been levied by the High Sheriff of Surrey, and a parcel of land of the yearly value of 23*l.* 4*s.* 10*d.* seized, and that the balance due may be disposed of as his Majesty thinks meet.—26 May and 28 June 1669. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 54.] *Annexing,*

> *Proposed warrant for preparation of a bill to pass the Privy Seal, granting the amount due by the said Thos. Rogers, or so much thereof as can be recovered, to Edw. Progers, towards payment of the money laid out by him.* [*Draft. Ibid. No.* 54I.]

May 14. Entry of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 25.]

May 14. The King to the Provost and fellows of Eton. We recommended Hen. Bold, 29 Dec. 1664, for the next fellowship there; but understanding that there is some doubt of his enjoying the benefit without a repetition of the said letters, we require you to elect Bold to the fellowship now become void by death of Dr. Stokes. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 19, *p.* 104.]

May 14. Warrant for a grant of general pardon to Hen. Hutchins, merchant of London, for all felonies, robberies, or other offences. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 28, *f.* 23.]

May 14. Warrant to make free for the Norway trade the *Justice*, *Hope*, *Charity*, and *St. George* of London, and *Charles* of Bristol. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 133.]

May 14. Grant of denization to Hans Peterson, in the usual form. Minute. [*Ibid. f.* 135.]

May 14. Caveat in favour of Mr. Prettiman, that nothing pass concerning a grant of the place of Receiver of the First Fruits and Tenths. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 32, *p.* 4.]

May 15. Warrant to Sir John Howell, Recorder of London, and the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, to release on bail George Castleton, convicted at Chelmsford assizes of manslaughter, and to insert him in the next pardon that shall come out, but leaving out the proviso for his transportation. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 28, *f.* 23.]

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May 15. Whitehall. Jos. Williamson to Justice Morton. I send some papers from the Mayor of ———, upon which the opinion of the Lord Keeper has been had, and desire you will consider what order is fit to be given in it, and I will write to the Mayor to that effect. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 55.]

May 15. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. The report of her Majesty being with child has been in the town 5 or 6 days, and rejoices all the people. The Commander-in-Chief's boat has pressed a Deal man, contrary to the port laws. [*Ibid. No.* 56.]

May 15. Milford. John Powell to Williamson. The *Monmouth* remains here, waiting for the Earl of Orrery, to transport him to Dublin; a vessel from Croisic, laden with salt, reports that the French are preparing a considerable fleet for sea. [*Ibid. No.* 57.]

May 15. St. James's. M. Wren to the Navy Commissioners. I send a petition of Mr. Clutterbuck to the Duke of York, and desire you will consider it, and favour him in its despatch. [*Ibid. No.* 58.]

May 15. Navy Office. Certificate by Wm. Burroughs that John Greeson, purser of the *Assurance*, did not indent for victuals until Oct. 1666. With note as to the delivering up of his bond, and the names of his sureties. [*Ibid. No.* 59.]

May 15. Deptford. Jonas Shish to the Navy Commissioners. Asks for a warrant for repair of the *Black Dog* hoy. [*Ibid. No.* 60.]

May 15. The *Emsworth*, Holehaven. Capt. Walter Perry to the Navy Commissioners. Asks leave to come up to Deptford, for repair and a supply of provisions, being intended on a voyage to seek for sand. [*Ibid. No.* 61.]

May 16. Portsmouth. St. J. Steventon to the Navy Commissioners. I find that Mr. Alexander, purser of the *Dragon*, was pricked out of victuals and wages from Oct. 1668 to March 1669, which is what I have done to all other pursers that have absented themselves on pretence of their accounts. [*Ibid. No.* 62.]

May 16. Portsmouth. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. I acknowledge the receipt of the contract by Mr. Mayle. I paid the workmen the two months, whereby they are only able to subsist, not to pay their debts, so that it abated but little of their complaints; nor did it at all satisfy their creditors, which they say a quarter or two's pay would do. I told them all care imaginable was taken for them, and ere long they would find the effect of it, and advised them to go on cheerfully in their business; but discouragement prevails.

The *Mary* and *Bristol* are paid, having stopped moneys giving assurance of it at Spithead, where they may be in a week if ordered. Three of the *Tiger's* cables are shortened 10 or 11 fathoms each; I shall make inquiry therein. I hope they have not done the like on other ships that keep their cables on board for want of storehouse room in the yard. I want 8 halberds to be sent for the watch. [*Ibid. No.* 63.] *Encloses,*

Contract by Wm. Cozens with Commissioner J. Tippetts, to supply the dockyard at Portsmouth, free of all charge,

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before 10 *Aug., with all such timber as shall arise out of* 302 *trees bought by him of Thos. Cordery, of Tichfield, for which he is to receive* 40*s. a load, ready money; with note that the timber is judged to be between* 400 *and* 500 *loads.—Portsmouth,* 15 *May,* 1669. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 63I.]

May 16. Chatham. Edw. Gregory and 2 other officers to the Navy Commissioners. Knowing fame to be double-tongued, we thought fit to give an account of a disaster which might have happened this night to the *Montague*, by the remissness of one of the servants belonging to her, whom we have severely punished. He left a piece of match burning upon the topsail sheet bitts, which falling down, set fire to the hatches; but by the carefulness of the boatswain on board, and a plentiful accession of assistance from the yard and ships, it was immediately extinguished, without prejudice to the ship. [*Ibid. No.* 64.]

May 16. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The ships for Tangiers are at Spithead, taking in their stores. The *Mary* and *Bristol* are paid off, as well as all of Sir Thos. Allin's squadron. Several merchant ships are detained by easterly winds. [*Ibid. No.* 65.]

May 16. Deal. Mor. Lodge to Williamson. There has been no neglect in delivering the packets; they came at night after the ships had sailed; I could not take more care if it was to save my life. [*Ibid. No.* 66.]

May 16. Clapham. Sir Denis Gauden to Pepys. I am sorry I cannot wait upon you and Mr. Williamson to-morrow, but if you will honour me with your company some other day, I will lay all business aside to attend you. With note by Pepys to Williamson. This letter speaks to you also; why should we not lay hold of to-morrow, and let Sir Denis know it? [*Ibid. No.* 67.]

May 16. Whitehall. Warrant to the Sheriffs of London directing that Peter Jones, sentenced with others to transportation for 7 years, shall be excepted from the number, and remain in England during that period. [*Ibid. No.* 68.]

May 16. Minute of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 135.]

May 16. Warrant to apprehend Henry Shirly, accused of a rape in Ireland, but fled and concealed in London or Westminster. [*Ibid.*]

May 16. Pass for 5 horses to Guernsey for Col. Atkins. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

May 17. Warrant for an order for payment to Rob. Spencer of a moiety of the estate of Miles Temple, late of Dover, according to a grant made in 1663 to the late Sir Chas. Berkeley, Rob. Spencer, and Sir Wm. Berkeley, of the moiety of moneys recovered by them from certain persons excepted out of the Act of Oblivion. [*S.P. Dom. Entry Book* 25, *f.* 104.]

May 17. Warrant for a grant of pardon to Rob. Thomas for all felony touching the killing of Edmund Thomas, of Glamorganshire, who was slain by Edw. Thomas in a duel. The said Rob. Thomas

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went to prevent the duel, but having fled through fear and ignorance, was indicted for the offence. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 28, *f.* 24.]

May 17. Petition of the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the parish of St. Margaret's, Westminster, to the King, to continue his donation of 100*l.* a year to the poor of the parish, and to settle the same by privy seal, giving one moiety to the churchwardens for the time being for the poor, and the other moiety to the treasurer for the time being of King Charles's Hospital in the parish, founded by his Majesty's father for keeping and bringing up poor fatherless children. The revenue of the hospital, given by several persons, never exceeded 100*l.* a year, half of which was lost by the fire; so that there is not means to maintain above half the number of boys formerly kept there. With reference thereon to the Treasury Commissioners. Noted that a report is to be made to the King that the request is reasonable, and that Lord Ashley moved the King, who was pleased to approve of the petition. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 69.]

May 17. Entry of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 26.]

May 17. Whitehall. Petition of Sam. Granger and 3 others, on behalf of themselves and the rest of the Company of Patten-makers in London and Westminster, to the King, to be allowed to incorporate themselves as a body politic, and to be invested with powers for this, and for reforming and suppressing falsities and deceits. They plead that the company is very ancient, as will appear by several statutes made in the reigns of Henry V. and Edward IV.; that they have attained to a greater measure of perfection than their predecessors, in making and fitting pattens and clogs; but that the number of makers has so increased, and so many persons are acting who never served as apprentices, that the trade is greatly damaged by such abuse.

With reference thereon to Solicitor-General Sir Heneage Finch, and his report, that his Majesty may lawfully incorporate the petitioners, according to the heads annexed, if he be so pleased. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 70.] *Annexing,*

Abstract of the proposed terms of the grant requested for the Patten-makers. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 70i.]

May 17. Entry of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 26.]

May 17. Reference to the Treasury Commissioners of the petition of Lord Hawley, for a grant of certain concealed lands discovered by him. [*Ibid.*]

[May 17.] Note that the request is for a lease in reversion of Fitzharris farm, Abingdon, and that the Mayor's name is John Whitchelow. Endorsed, "Lord Hawley." [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 71.]

May 17. Agreement by H. Carr, and 8 other patentees for the Irish plate lottery, that they will secure to Major Edw. Hamilton, by declaration, such a proportion of the advantage that shall arise as shall be appointed by Lord Arlington. 9 signatures. [*S.P. Dom*, *Car. II.* 260, *No.* 72.]

May 17. Rochester. John Conny to Williamson. A fire happened on board the *Montague* last night, by the fall of a lighted match from the topsail-sheet bitts, where the purser's servant had laid it after lighting his pipe, but was very soon extinguished. The *Revenge* and *St. David* will be ready to sail in a few days. [*Ibid. No.* 73.]

May 17. Deal. Morgan Lodge to Williamson. I have delivered the packet for Col. Norwood, Deputy-Governor of Tangiers, to Capt. Herbert, commander of the *Dragon*, bound to that port. [*Ibid. No.* 74.]

May 17. Cambridge. Dr. Ralph Cudworth to Williamson. Thanks for the intimations of yours of the 12th and Dr. A[bney's] of the 13th; the major part of the society are also very sensible of their obligation to you. I will wait upon you and Lord Arlington, and return my own and the college's thanks; I will take all occasions to possess persons rightly with reference to the *Gazette*. [*Ibid. No.* 75.]

May 17. Cambridge. Damaris Cudworth [his wife] to Williamson. There must be an election in the college within a fortnight, the time being limited by the statutes; and if I should not have a letter for my son, Dr. [Edw.] Abney, by that time, to dispense with county, they cannot choose him. [*Ibid. No.* 76.]

May 17. Pendennis. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. There have 50 sail of ships come in through the easterly winds; 70 sail of Dutch are also beating about between the Land's End and the Lizard, many of which are much shattered by the storms. [*Ibid. No.* 77.]

May 17. Yarmouth. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Arrival of one of the Duke of York's pleasure-boats, with the Countess of Carlisle on board. They are bound for Stockholm, and put in here by contrary winds. Departure of 2 vessels for Rotterdam. [*Ibid. No.* 78.]

May 17. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Hickes. A French vessel from Rochelle, laden with salt, reports that the French fleet is put to sea to join De Beaufort with succours for Candia. A Dutch man-of-war has arrived with 40 sail under convoy. [*Ibid. No.* 79.]

May 17. Deptford. Thos. Turner to the Navy Commissioners. Sends an account of timber brought from Sherwood Forest to Deptford, in the *Adam and Eve*, *James*, and *Black Dog* hoys. [*Ibid. No.* 80.] *Encloses*,

Journal of John Robinson, master of the James *galliot, of her voyage to Stockwith for timber, commencing* 12 *March and ending* 4 *May* 1669.—12 *May* 1669. [2½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 80I.]

Wm. Williamson, master of the Black Dog *hoy, to the Navy Commissioners. Has arrived at Deptford by order of Mr. Russell, most of the timber being for the ship building there. Particulars of the voyage from Deptford to Stockwith and back, between* 5 *March and* 5 *May* 1669. *The hoy proves very leaky and dangerous; prays that she may be* *trimmed, and a supply of victuals ordered.—6 May* 1669. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 80II.]

Christ. Ously, master of the Mackler *hoy, to the Navy Commissioners. I present the journal of a voyage to Stockwith for timber, between* 12 *March and* 11 *May* 1669. [2¼ *pages.* [*Ibid. No.* 80III.]

Memorandum of the beginning and ending of the work of the said hoys, and the number of loads of timber they brought from Stockwith. With later notes of the same, June and July 1669. *Endorsed with a note that these papers are sent "in order to the computing the charge of bringing the King's timber in his own vessels."* [*Ibid. No.* 80IV.]

May 18. Roger Eastwood to [Pepys]. I have surveyed the *Eastridge* hulk, and find her past all repair, being rotten in every part, and not fit to trust guns and rigging upon, from a fear of suddenly sinking where she rides, and endangering the harbour. The old hulk which defends the ways on the graving place has also fallen in pieces; the *Eastridge* might be put in her place, to save expense, &c. [*Ibid. No.* 81.]

May 18. Portsmouth. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. I shall observe your directions about the sale of old provisions. The ships will be ready to sail to Spithead next week; I wish they were there, so as to be able to keep their men on board, but as yet there is no order to send them. I hope to wait on you on Saturday. [*Ibid. No.* 82.]

May 18. Chris. Ously, master of the *Mackler* galliot, to the Navy Commissioners. I have delivered my lading at Woolwich, received my ballast, and am ready to sail. [*Ibid. No.* 83.]

May 18. Deptford. Jonas Shish to the Navy Commissioners. Having received a warrant for fitting the *Sweepstakes* for the West Indies, I judge it convenient to sheathe her, and require for this a supply of board or fir timber. [*Ibid. No.* 84.]

May 18. Woolwich. W. Hannam, Master Attendant, to the Navy Commissioners. I have sounded the Gallions again, and do not find above 15 feet of water in any place, and that so narrow that there is not room for a ship to wind without grounding. I cannot hear that the purser of the *Ruby* makes any way to clear the ship of empty casks, and the boatswain requires pumps, and hands to pump her. I beg a warrant to take up lighters and small vessels, and to clear ships in case of the officers' neglect; also to be clear of any loss or damage of casks. [*Ibid. No.* 85.]

May 18. John Huntington to the Navy Commissioners. The *Adam and Eve* being repaired and fit for service, I desire to be continued master of her. [*Ibid. No.* 86.]

May 18. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. These parts afford no news of any kind. [*Ibid. No.* 87.]

May 18. Deal. Rich. Watts to Williamson. The *Dragon* left for Portsmouth, and from there for Tangiers. The Isle of Thanet is in a very sickly state. A woman came to church very well, and in less than half an hour was carried out dead. There is high rejoicing here for her Majesty's present condition. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 88.]

May 18. Warrant to the Ordnance Commissioners to deliver to Major John Rolleston 28 barrels of powder, with half the proportionable match and ball, for the 14 companies of Col. Russell's regiment of foot guards, now attending Court. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 20, *p.* 199.]

May 18. Whitehall. Sec. Trevor to Sir Job Charleton, Chief Justice, or the Sheriffs of Chester. The King wishes you to forbear execution of the sentence of death or corporal punishment passed on Darcy Lascelles for felony, on supplication of divers justices of peace and gentlemen of the county, who represent him as fit for his Majesty's service at home or abroad. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 28, *f.* 25.]

[May 18.] Proposed grant to Lieut.-Col. Laurence Dempsey of 150*l.* a year for his late service for 6 years in the English horse regiment in Portugal. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 89.]

[May 18.] Inquiry [by Lord Arlington] whether the [Treasury] Commissioners will be content for 200*l.* to be given on their privy seal dormant to Cols. Stainhurst and Dempsey, for which the Duke of York is urgent. [*Ibid. No.* 90.]

May 18. Warrant to Sir Stephen Fox to pay 6*s.* 6*d.* a day to Col. Henry Stainhurst, out of the residue remaining in his hands of 4,610*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, ordered on 13 Jan. 1669 to be paid to Rich. Kent for the use of disbanded officers of the Guards; but some persons not well qualified being struck out of the list of the said officers, as not duly qualified, the expense is thereby lessened. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 137.]

[May 18.] Draft of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 91.]

May 18. Warrant to Sir Stephen Fox for a like payment of 6*s.* 6*d.* a day to Col. Charles Dempsey, as granted to Col. Stainhurst. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 137.]

May 18. Pass for 19 couple of dogs for the Prince de Ligne. Minute. [*Ibid. f.* 137.]

May. Lord H. Howard to Williamson. Having resolved, in a discourse with Lord Arlington and the Bishop of Oxford, to waive the petition and reference of my chaplain, Mr. Cutler, for the Pulham living in his Majesty's gift, in favour of Mr. Lewthwayte, I pray you to change the name accordingly, or to make a new petition and get a reference upon it as early as possible, as I shall return to town to-morrow. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 91A.]

[May 18.] Request by Lord Hen. Howard for presentation of Rich. Lewthwayte, M.A., preacher licensed by Edward, Bishop of Norwich, to the rectory of Pulham St. Mary the Virgin. [*Ibid. No.* 91B.]

May 18. Whitehall. Reference to the Bishop of Oxford, Dean of the Chapel, of the petition of Rich. Lewthwayte for presentation to the rectory of Pulham St. Mary, co. Norfolk. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 27.]

May 18. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney-General, of the petition of Sampson Bichford, for a grant for 14 years of his invention of extracting silver out of lead. [*Ibid.*]

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Petition of Edw. Phillips to the King, for a free pardon. Was convicted of felony at the York assizes, but upon report his Majesty was pleased to stay the execution of the sentence of death during pleasure. With reference thereon to Baron Chris. Turner, and his report that the petitioner was convicted of taking a horse, bridle, saddle, and 35*l.* in money, from one Hotham; that it appeared that the petitioner had notice the night before that Hotham was going to take a journey with the money, and designed to rob him, and accordingly waylaid him, and finding him on the road, unhorsed him and cut the strings of his portmanteau; but Hotham seized and kept him down until some company came, and took him to prison. That during the scuffle, the petitioner at one time had Hotham's horse's bridle in his hand, when Hotham had not hold of his horse, and consequently, by construction of law, possessed both the horse, bridle, saddle, and money, and was found guilty accordingly. This verdict he considers was very just, but somewhat severe, and he conceives the petitioner may be a fit object for pardon.—25 May 1669. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 92.]

May 19.

Entry of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 28]

May 19.

Grant of denization to Gysbert Peterson, in the usual form. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 137.]

May 19.
Falmouth.

Thos. Holden to Williamson. Particulars of the arrival of ships named, being chiefly to the same effect as his letter to Hickes of the 17th. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 93.]

May 19.
Falmouth.

Same to Hickes. Several vessels put in from France, &c., and have gone to sea again. The *European* frigate reports that Candia is besieged by the Turks, and that it is feared it will go hard with them, as the Turks are continually increasing their army. I have had no letters from Williamson for 3 weeks; pray see to it. [*Ibid. No.* 94.]

May 19.
Portsmouth.

Account by Commissioner J. Tippetts, of the sale by auction of old stores in Portsmouth dockyard; with order to the clerk of the cheque and storekeeper, for delivery of the goods to the purchasers. [2 *pages. Copy. Ibid. No.* 95.]

May 19.
Bristol.

Fras. Baylie to the Navy Commissioners. I cannot have the bulgeways I wrote for, they being disposed of by Major [John] Gainsford, but the man that bought them promises me them at the same price. I will take them on your account, or for my own use. [*Ibid. No.* 96.]

May 19.
Ordnance Office.

Edw. Sherborne and Fras. Nicholl to the Navy Commissioners. I desire you to charge the boatswain of the *Yarmouth* with a coil of rope received from the gunner of the *Monmouth*, being issued by Sir Thos. Allin's order. [*Ibid. No.* 97.]

May 19.
Chatham.

Edw. Gregory and John Brooke to the Navy Commissioners. John Arney, the purser's servant, was the man by whose neglect the *Montague* was in danger of being fired; the punishment inflicted by Capt. Rand and his own master was very severe, though

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not performed in a regular manner, and he is almost crippled by the many blows he so justly received and deserved. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 98.]

May 19. Chatham. Edw. Gregory and 2 other officers to Surveyor Thos. Middleton. We have made choice of a longboat for the *Jersey*, and given order for the fitting, and shall take care to send it by the horseboat. [*Ibid. No.* 99.]

May 20. M. Wren to the Navy Commissioners. I desire order may be given for unsheathing the *Roe* ketch. [*Ibid. No.* 100.]

May 20. Portsmouth. Capt. Ant. Deane to the Navy Commissioners. I was directed by his Royal Highness to come to London, as soon as the ships for the Straits fleet were fitted; but not having received the warrant for the trees in the forest, I am very loath to leave until I have set the men to work. Pray send it down, or let me know whether I shall come without it. The want of the warrant is very prejudicial to the service, and the time lost is not to be redeemed. [*Ibid. No.* 101.]

May 20. Dr. R. C[udworth] to [Williamson]. I received a letter from your friend whom you recommended to us; though he mentioned some disadvantage which happened in his absence, perhaps he did not understand what was unexpectedly done here, which Dr. Carr has since advertised you of. [*Ibid. No.* 102.]

May 20. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Hamburg Merchant* and other ships have sailed from Spithead, with provisions for Tangiers, under convoy of the *Dragon*. [*Ibid. No.* 103.]

May 20. Two notes of delivery of documents in the cause of Sir John Monson *v.* Sir John Bennet and the Countess [Dowager] of Mulgrave. [*Ibid. Nos.* 104, 105.]

May 21. Court at Whitehall. Warrant to Fras. Astley, keeper at Fair Oak, on information of the destruction of the red deer there by disorderly persons, to take special care for their preservation, that being a place where they have been wont anciently to lie. [*Parchment. Ibid. No.* 106.]

May [21]. Draft of the above, corrected [by Williamson]. [*Parchment. Ibid. No.* 107.]

May 21. Entry of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *p.* 141.]

May 21. Court at Whitehall. Like warrant to ——— Blake, gamekeeper at Highgate, for preservation of red deer, pheasant, partridge, and hare. [*Parchment. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 108.]

May [21]. Draft of the above, corrected [by Williamson]. [*Parchment. Ibid. No.* 109.]

May [21]. Minutes [by Williamson] of the above two warrants. [*Ibid. No.* 109A.]

May 21. Entry of the above warrants. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *p.* 141.]

May 21. Grant to Col. Wm. Howard and others of the sole exercise of a plate lottery in Ireland for 7 years, but without prejudice to the Royal Oak Lottery there. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 45.]

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May 21. Warrant to pay to Sir Stephen Fox 8,500*l.* for secret service, and to discharge him of 2,027*l.* 19*s.* 10*d.* paid by him direct to Claude Sourceau and John Allen, his Majesty's tailors, instead of to [Henry Cavendish], Lord Mansfield, then Master of the Robes. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 45.]

May 21. Warrant to pay to Wm. Ashburnham, Cofferer of the Household, 15,029*l.* 15*s.* 10*d.* for interest of moneys taken up for the household, from Michaelmas 1666 to 1667. [*Ibid.*]

May 21. Warrant to pay Thos. Ellyott, keeper of the King's house at Newmarket, 400*l.* for the 2 last years, and 200*l.* yearly, for airing and other services. [*Ibid.*]

May 21. Warrant to pay to Lord Arlington 4,000*l.* for secret service. [*Ibid.*]

[May 21.] Draft of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 109B.]

May 21. Warrant authorising Francis, Lord Hawley, to demand, and Dr. Rob. Morison to deliver to him, the Royal Physic Garden, with the house and ground adjoining, to be employed according to further directions. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 105.]

May 21. Warrant for a bill in form following. The King to the officers of Exchequer, Attorney and Solicitor General, and Master of the Jewel House. Recapitulates the several payments of money and loans of plate made to the Earl of Sandwich, and the allowances which the Committee for Foreign Affairs has decided to make him, for his expenses in his embassy to Spain, and authorizes payment to him of 6,313*l.* 13*s.* 11*d.*, due as balance of his accounts. Also discharges him from returning or accounting for the plate he has received, he having already entered the value in his accounts, and requires the return of his indenture therefor, that it may be cancelled. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *ff.* 138–140.]

May 21. Docquet of the above. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 46.]

[May 21.] Lord Arlington to the Treasury Commissioners. The King having ordered the Earl of Sandwich's accounts in his embassy to Portugal to be considered in the Committee for Foreign Affairs, certain retrenchments have been there made, and you are requested to pay the remainder, as soon as the condition of the Exchequer will permit, unless you have any exceptions to make, in which case the Earl will answer them. [2 *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 110.] *Annexing,*

> *Account of the Earl of Sandwich's receipts and expenses in his late extraordinary embassies to Spain and Portugal, Jan.* 1666 *to Oct.* 1668*: receipts,* 19,253*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.*; *expenses,* 25,567*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.* *With note that the King approves the resolution in the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to allow the Earl his account, as transmitted.*—17 *May* 1669. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 136.]

May 21. Caveat in favour of Mr. Elliot, that no grant pass of Faulconer's estate. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 32, *p.* 4.]

May 21. Petition of Rich. Emes and 2 other owners of the ship *Richard and George* of London, to the King, that their ship may be made

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free; it was taken by Capt. Rich. Bothwick, a privateer of Scotland, from the Dutch in the late wars, and was bought by the petitioners in Scotland in 1667, and since then has been employed for the Norway trade. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 111.] *Annexing,*

Certificate by Sir Edw. Walker that a ship called the White Cock, *taken by Capt. Rich. Bothwick, was adjudged as prize in the High Court of Admiralty in Scotland, on* 28 *Aug.* 1667.—18 *May* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 111I.]

Affidavit made by John Dobie of London, merchant, before Mounteford Bramston, Master in Chancery, that the Richard and George, *formerly the* White Cock *of Horne, was bought by him of Capt. Rich. Bothwick at Leith in Scotland,* 11 *Aug.* 1667, *in the name and for the use of Rich. Emes and George Moore of London, for a valuable consideration, and that the deponent and the said Emes and Moore are the sole proprietors of the said ship.*—20 *May* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 111II.]

May 21. Warrant, at request of John Dobie and other owners, for making free the *White Cock* of Horne, now the *Richard and George* of London, condemned as prize in the Admiralty Court of Scotland, and sent in the list of prize ships. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 144.]

May 21. The King to the Attorney-General. Whereas the manors of Grainsby Croft and Wainfleet, co. Lincoln, were conveyed by the late Sir Chris. Wray to the late Sir Edw. Ayscough and Sir Hen. Vane, on trust to raise 2,500*l.* each for portions of his daughters, Diana and Theodosia, which are paid; and whereas Albinia, widow of Sir Chris. Wray, and Sir Wm. Wray, purchased lands in West Theddlethorpe and Gayton, in the name of Sir Hen. Vane as trustee, but by attainder of the said Sir Henry, the said lands are forfeit to the Crown, yet as we are unwilling to take advantage of the forfeiture of any such trust, you are to prepare a release of our estate in the premises, enclosing clauses for the security of the said manors. [*Ibid. f.* 140.]

May [21]. Docquet of the above, dated May. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 51.]

[May 21.] Request by Sir B. de Gomme for a grant of denization to Anna Davall, widow, a native of Amsterdam, daughter of Abraham Potts. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 112.]

May 21. Grant of denization accordingly. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 140.]

Docquet of the above, dated 4 June. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 53.]

May 21. Warrant for the *Abraham* of London to be made free for the Norway trade. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 140.]

May 21. Warrant for the *Isaac* of London to be made free for the Norway trade. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

May 21. Pass for 3 horses to Ireland for Mr. Le Graine. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

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May 21. Order for a warrant to the Ordnance Commissioners to pay to Sir Bernard de Gomme his pension of 300*l.* a year, formerly ordered to be paid out of the Exchequer. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 141.]

[May 21.] Draft of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 113.]

Docquet of the above, dated 4 June. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 53.]

May 21. Reference to the Treasury Commissioners of the petition of Thos. Morris, for a grant of such manors, lands, tenements, &c., as he shall discover within 3 years. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 28.]

May 21. Reference of the petition of Mrs. Wallop, that the remainder of Rob. Wallop's estate may be settled on her husband and children, to the Lord Keeper, Lord Ashley, and Sir Henry Vernon, Bart., grantees for the said estate. [*Ibid. p.* 29.]

May 21. Whitehall. Lord Arlington to the Bishop of Oxford. I recommend, by the King's command, Sir Robert Vyner's brother for the next suitable preferment that shall become void. He is a small prebendary in the church of Gloucester, and his Majesty—being long since desirous to express the good will he had for Sir Robert Vyner, and the sense he entertained of his many useful services—recommended him to the Bishop of Hereford, but without any effect. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 114.]

May 21. Hull. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. I have been in the country with a broken collar-bone, but there has been little news during my absence. The *Promise* has arrived from Dantzic with rye, and more ships are expected thence. I beg your advice, or an order of Council, to whom I have written, as to whether we may enter these goods. [*Ibid. No.* 115.]

May 21. Chatham Dock. Phin. Pett and Edw. Homewood to Surveyor Thos. Middleton. There are 12 copper furnaces returned from the ships lying in the yard, which can be fitted at small charge. We think that the materials and workmanship should be expended on them, and there being no copper in store, that allowance should be given to the brazier when the service is performed. [*Ibid. No.* 116.]

May 21. Woolwich. Edw. Byland to the Navy Commissioners. I was at Dartford yesterday, to treat with the merchant for a spindle for the crane, but I never treated with so lofty a fellow in my life ;- what induces him to it is that he has bought up all the timber hereabouts, and says if he knew where one load was to be bought, he would have it, and so make people pay his own price. I proffered him 3*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.* a load, but he stood at 5*l.*, and fell to 4*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.*, the greatest rate, I presume, that was ever given since Noah's Ark was built. I desire you will empower my servant to set the broad arrow upon the timber, giving the market price, which is 3*l.* a load, to the merchant. I would have given 4*l.* rather than have come away dissatisfied. Pray be mindful of my poor brother, the smith, who will be utterly ruined unless he is commiserated. [*Ibid. No.* 117.]

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May 21. Chatham. Dock. Phin. Pett to Surveyor Thos. Middleton. I send a survey of the *Montague;* we despatched a water-boat for the *Jersey,* by the horseboat. We are at a stand on the new ship for want of plank; let some speedy course be taken for sending in those 21 elms which Mr. Lawrence marked of Mr. Mason's, or let us be supplied elsewhere. I beg leave of absence to come to London for 3 or 4 days, having earnest business. [*S P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 118.]

May 22. Portsmouth Dockyard. Abr. Ansley to the Navy Commissioners. I have sent the *Resolution, Bristol,* and *Mary* to Spithead, with all their provisions on board, except the *Mary,* which will not have her full supply of beer till Monday. [*Ibid. No.* 119.]

May 22. Chatham. John Moore and Edw. Moorcock to the Navy Commissioners. We have removed the bottom of the *Oak* to the shore, to make it convenient for workmen to take her to pieces; we daily expect your orders as to other wrecks in the river. [*Ibid. No.* 120.]

May 22. The *Hampshire.* Capt. Rich. Beach to Lord Brouncker. I have your and Sir John Mennes' order for discharge of Robert Dowter and Thos. Walter—the one a pretended mate and the other his boatswain—and beg you will take notice that there was no protection, and therefore I have committed no error. I should not have wanted men had not merchantmen advanced their wages; I had 130 volunteers entered at Deptford, but since then they have deserted, and others are not to be had without pressing, as all other ships have done, and must do before they go, except one who has some of my men. If we must clear every man that their Honours are importuned for, we must expect to carry but few able men to sea. I have cleared the boatswain, but kept the other till further orders. Pray hasten down the provisions, that we may be gone. [*Ibid. No.* 121.]

May 22. Portsmouth. B. J[ohnson] to Williamson. The *Hamburg Merchant* and a flyboat have sailed with supplies for the garrison at Tangiers, under convoy of the *Dragon.* The *Resolution, Mary,* and *Bristol* are fitted, and gone out of harbour to Spithead for the Straits. Some merchant ships bound for London are waiting a fair wind. [*Ibid. No.* 122.]

May 22. Gravesend. Receipt by Thos. Colyer, commander of the *Constant Catherine,* for a box directed to Sir John Yeomans, for his Majesty's service. [*Ibid. No.* 123.]

May 22. Petition of Edw. Philipps, prisoner at York, to the King, for a reprieve until the next assizes. Attempted to rob a person on the highway near York, and has been convicted of felony; but as it was only an attempt, the chief nobility and persons of quality in that country have, out of compassion, made their address to the judge for his reprieve, which he says he cannot give without his Majesty's special order. [*Ibid. No.* 124.] *Annexing,*

Petition of Edw. Philipps to Sir Chris. Turner, Justice for the Northern Circuit, for a reprieve until the next assizes, being heartily penitent. With request by Lord Ogle and

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24 others to Judge Turner, in favour of Philipps, he being a very young man, and this his first offence. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 124I.]

May 23. Whitehall. Petition of Thos. Lamplugh, D.D., chaplain in ordinary, to the King, for a prebend of the Cathedral Church of Worcester, lately become void. With reference thereon to the Bishop of Oxford, and his report that he believes the petitioner to be a person qualified for his Majesty's grace and favour. [*Ibid. No.* 125.]

May 23. Grant to Dr. Thos. Lamplugh of a prebend in Worcester, void by the death of [George] Glynn. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 19, *p.* 105. *See p.* 358, *infra.*]

May. Docquet of the above, dated 25 May. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 47.]

May 23. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Departure of the *Resolution* for Spithead; the *Mary* and *Bristol* are fitted for sea, and only waiting commands to sail. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 126.]

May 23. Request of Sir John Griffith to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, for instructions what salutes shall be fired for Ambassadors passing the King's forts; whether to suffer foreign men-of-war to pass the ports; how to act if they do not strike their flags, or if they attempt to bring in prohibited goods; how to answer their salutes, &c. [*Ibid. No.* 127. *See p.* 364, *infra.*]

May 23. Portsmouth. Capt. Ant. Deane to Pepys. The *Resolution, Mary,* and *Bristol* sailed to Spithead, and Mr. Steares, in the *Hamburg Merchant,* for Tangiers; the *Dragon* came in to convoy her, but finding her gone, set sail after her. I wish to come up the end of the week, but would fain set the men at work in the forest, before my departure. [*Ibid. No.* 128.]

May 23. Chatham. John Robinson, master of the *James* hoy, to the Navy Commissioners. I brought down pitch and tar, by order of Commissioner Cox, and heard that I was to take a load of timber from Chatham to Deptford; shall I stay at Chatham, or proceed to Stockwith for timber, having taken in the provisions ordered? [*Ibid. No.* 129.]

May 24. Kinsale. Wm. Penn to the Navy Commissioners. I send a survey of the *Harp,* with an inventory of stores, also an account of my disbursements. I hope you will consider me for my pains. I think the *Harp* may be made fit for further service. [*Ibid. No.* 130.]

May 24. Thos. Adamson to Rob. Francis. I beg to be remembered to Mrs. Moundeford. Being prevented from coming to London by the shortness of the term, I beg you to deliver a note enclosed to Rob. Derham, a soldier in the guard, whom you will find at the Settle House against Whitehall, or at Mrs. Chamberlain's, in a lane near Palace Yard Gate. [*Ibid. No.* 131.]

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May 24. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Hickes. The *Providence* from Virginia met the *Constantinople Merchant*, an East Indiaman, who said there was another East Indiaman in company with her. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 132.]

May 24. Pendennis. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. Upwards of 30 ships laden with wine, brandy, salt, and tobacco have come in from places named; also an Amsterdam man-of-war of 56 guns, as convoy to the Dutch fleet. [*Ibid. No.* 133.]

May 24. Questions to be resolved by the Farmers of Customs, touching the amount of alien duties received for the last five years, as ordered to be drawn up and transmitted to them, by the Committee appointed in the matter of the French treaty of commerce. Signed by Jos. Williamson. [*Ibid. No.* 134.]

May 24. Court at Whitehall. Petition of Col. Chas. Gifford to the King. Having expended an inheritance in land of 300*l.* a year in your Majesty and the late King's service, you granted me a pension of 150*l.* a year. I have expended much money in endeavouring to recover my lands, and have incurred debts amounting to 2,000*l.*, for which my creditors have cast me into prison, where I have lain 9 months. I beg a grant of a debt of 2,000*l.* due to your Majesty by John Kilby, collector of the hearth money, my creditors being willing to discharge me if they can have Kilby's debt as security; I also beg an increase of my pension. With reference thereon to the Treasury Commissioners. [*Ibid. No.* 135. *See p.* 417, *infra.*] *Annexing,*

> *Proposed grant by his Majesty of* 2,800*l.* (sic) *due to him by John Kilby, late collector of hearth money in co. Bucks, to the petitioner; with directions for preparation of a privy seal for more effectually settling the said debt.* [*Ibid. No.* 135I.]

May 24. Entry of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 30.]

May 25. Order granting the petition of Rich Lewthwayte for the rectory of Pulham St. Mary's, Norfolk, the King being satisfied with the Bishop of Oxford's report thereon. [*Ibid. p.* 33.]

May 25. Warrant to the Duke of York to order sale by the candle of various naval provisions in the storehouse at Plymouth, and therefrom to pay what is due to John Lanyon, employed there by the Navy Commissioners during the late war. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 47.]

May 25. Grants to Gysbert and Hans Peterson, aliens, of denization, provided they pay customs and subsidies as strangers. [*Ibid. No.* 48.]

May 25. Warrant to Sir Stephen Fox to pay 2,872*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.* from the militia money to John Earl of Bath, Governor of the fort of Plymouth, towards perfecting the works at Plymouth. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 143.]

May 25. Warrant to Sir Stephen Fox to pay 316*l.* to Major Benj. Henshaw, late major of Jersey, being arrears due to him as major, he having only received his pay as captain. [*Ibid.*]

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May 25. H. R. [Wm. Haggett to Sir P. Musgrave]. I am glad to hear of your good journey from London, and safe arrival at home. The gentlewoman showed me at least 20 books [by] the authors of "The Judgment with those called 5th Monarchy men"; I borrowed one, which is in several pieces, by Mr. Moore. She informed me that what books I desired were at my service; her husband is expected home in a fortnight, so I will send you an account of what I gain from him.

All friends are generally discontented. I met a Quaker returning from a meeting at Heighington [Durham], and took notice of him as he was very well mounted; he said that it was time to look about them, or they would be all run down; and that they had had a meeting of 55. Rob. Markendaile, at Barnard Castle, told Mat. Sowerby and me that they are much troubled at Newcastle by the Act being put into execution, but that they will suffer with patience for a time, and wait the Lord's call, and then doubt not but all will be in readiness to work out their deliverance. I was with Chr. Eyons and others of that clan, who say that trading is much down in London, and that the greatest traders are so much discouraged at the late Act against meetings, that they draw in their moneys apace, to the undoing of most young tradesmen; also that a great quantity of cloth was shipped for beyond sea, and all taken out again. They think, if there be a rising, it will begin in the South, but the North will produce powerful backers.

I desire to hear from you, as without assistance I shall spoil myself with charges in the business. They think there will be much mischief; I shall write every week if I can. The meetings are kept up at Newcastle; Gilpin is the boldest of any of the speakers, and Pringle the next. The Mayor slights the informers when they give notice of the meetings. A lieutenant, one of them, broke his own neck, which was not a little made use of. A constable apprehended one of the speakers, but was compelled to let him go, or the people would have beat out his brains; he informed the mayor that if he gave him 100*l.*, he would never meddle with any of them again, as he should have lost his life if the speaker had not risked his own to save it.

I have been informed of several ways they have of avoiding the Act, one of which is to choose a convenient house where others are pretty rank on either side and opposite, and so hear the preacher from the window; at other times they preach in the street. I hear from 2 Quakers that the Turks have taken many English ships, with 1,700 young men, and 700 married; I believe from such stories that the Quakers would rather be ruled by Turk or Pagan, than that the present authority should continue where it is. [2 *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 136. *See p.* 418, *infra.*]

May 25.
Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Four vessels named have put in by contrary winds. [*Ibid. No.* 137.]

May 25.
Oxford. Rich. Sherlock to Rob. Francis. My son is a great deal better, but I do not know how he will be at the fall of the leaf. Ask Mr. Pilk how I am to treat him with regard to diet, and outward

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means; I send 1*s.* for you and Mr. Smith, who brings this letter, to drink my health. I beg to be remembered to Williamson and others named. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 138.]

May 25. Deal. Rich. Watts to Williamson. The north-east winds continue, to the impoverishing of the inhabitants, as they suffer not ships in the Downs, being a fair wind to Land's End. No news of any kind. [*Ibid. No.* 139.]

May 25. Harwich. Henry Munt, Mayor of Harwich, and 4 others to Pepys. We send a petition, and crave your assistance in it; if you will communicate its contents to Sir Chas. Littleton, we shall feel obliged. [*Ibid. No.* 140.]

May 25. Deptford. Jonas Shish to the Navy Commissioners. I want a supply of sheathing board for the *Sweepstakes*, ordered on a voyage to the West Indies. [*Ibid. No.* 141.]

May 25. The *Hampshire*. Capt. Rich. Beach to the Navy Commissioners. I find there have been complaints against me and my officers, about the impressing of men, and that some of our officers have taken 2 salmon as a bribe for clearing some men. I have examined it upon oath, and find that it was the master's voluntary gift, and that my men had not pressed a man, but were coming away when the salmon was forced upon them; it was neither kind nor just to believe such a fanatic fellow, before examination, or the truth found out. I have not committed any action that I am afraid or ashamed of, nor do I believe my officers acted anything contrary to his Royal Highness's warrant, or my orders. None have been pressed that had a protection, and I should have had no occasion to press at all, had not the merchantmen advanced their wages; whatever pretensions are made by others, they will have as much occasion to press before they get to sea as I had. [*Ibid. No.* 142.]

May 25. Rice Freeman, purser of the *Hampshire,* to the Navy Commissioners. I cannot stow the 6 months' bread ordered, by 7 or 8 cwt.; I desire directions how to dispose of it. [*Ibid. No.* 143.]

May 25. Rochester. Capt. Stephen Pyend to Thos. Hayter. Understanding that the yard at Chatham is in want of tiles for covering the houses, I will contract to deliver 100,000 at 21*s.* per 1,000, and will supply Holland pan-tiles as cheap as anyone. [*Ibid. No.* 144.]

May 25. Portsmouth. Capt. Ant. Deane to the Navy Commissioners. I suppose the warrant for felling trees in the forest is with you ere this; if it be, the 300*l.* promised for felling and converting will be wanting. I beg that it may be supplied out of the late sale, and that a bill of imprest may be sent to Mr. Eastwood to sign. The Straits ships are fitted and gone; I desire orders as to coming to London, according to his Royal Highness's directions. [*Ibid. No.* 145.]

May 25. Kinsale. Wm. Penn to the Navy Commissioners. I send an account of disbursements for the *Harp* frigate. Capt. Crispin lives at a distance, and was only twice in this town, and his charge could not be great, as all the concerns lay on my shoulders; but I will see him satisfied for his trouble. [*Ibid. No.* 146.]

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May 26. Stockholm. Earl of Carlisle to the Navy Commissioners. There were 70 lasts of tar, amounting to 1,090*l.*, delivered at London to you in June 1666, by Wm. Forsfull and other factors for George Shuttleworth, an English merchant, which sum is yet unpaid, to his great damage and ruin. I desire you will find out some expedient for satisfying the debt, or represent it to his Majesty and his Royal Highness; I will second you if necessary, that his Majesty's honour may not suffer here, and the merchants be discouraged. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 147.]

May 26. Stockholm. Earl of Carlisle to Pepys. If there be any obstacle about Shuttleworth's business, inform me, that it may be speedily removed. [*Ibid. No.* 148.]

May 26. Chatham. Edw. Gregory to the Navy Commissioners. I have signed the bill of imprest for 500*l.*, and desire to be paid out of money left in my hands by the paymaster. Capt. Moorcock and Mr. Moore beg that no time may be lost, as they want to fall upon the entering of men. [*Ibid. No.* 149.]

May 26. Chatham. Capt. Edw. Moorcock and John Moore to the Navy Commissioners. We shall proceed to clear the river with all expedition, and desire you will hasten 3 months' victuals for 70 men, and fish in lieu of oatmeal, the latter giving no content; sent us an order to enter men and to receive assistance from the yard, when necessary. There is want of spars and oars in the yard. We beg an order to Mr. Gregory to discharge men from the *Sovereign*, and enter them on this work, on which they were employed before. [*Ibid. No.* 150.]

May 26. Damaris Cudworth to Williamson. I have ordered my son [Dr. Abney] to draw up another petition and letter, and beg you to word the letter as you think fit. I entreat despatch, having heard that the college has a person statutable for county whom they would elect; if my son has not a dispensation, neither he nor Mr. Fanshaw will be chosen. The favour asked has been granted for 2 to Queens' College, and there are 3 of a county in Emanuel College, where the statutes are the same. The Lord of Manchester has signified his desire that my son may have the King's favour. [*Ibid. No.* 151.]

May 26. John Eddowes to [Williamson]. I served his late Majesty in arms all the first war, and received but one month's pay, and never petitioned for anything. As Nathaniel Smith had a patent for life of the place of Clerk of the Presentations, but has resigned it to me, I desire you will get the patent renewed for my life, or for the 2 lives. It is but a small place, and there is no fee or salary from the King. [*Ibid. No.* 152.]

May 26. Chelsea. Eliz. Bere, widow, to Williamson. I am sorry I could not let you any lodgings, the great room being engaged; but if you like to accept of my little chamber, I can spare that, and the bed is well aired. [*Ibid. No.* 153.]

May 26. Castle Cornet. Sir Jonathan Atkins to Williamson. Thanks for your favour. Having returned so lately, I have little to say but that our

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neighbours [the French] are quiet on our quarters, and all along the coast. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 154.]

May 26. Pembroke. John Powell to Williamson. The *Monmouth* still remains in the harbour, waiting for the Earl of Orrery. [*Ibid. No.* 155.]

May 26. Weymouth. John Pocock to Hickes. A vessel has come into the bay from the East Indies, and another from Virginia; the latter met 40 sail passing up the Channel, most of which were Dutch. [*Ibid. No.* 156.]

May 27. Deal. Rich. Watts to Williamson. Particulars of the arrival of ships. [*Ibid. No.* 157.]

May 27. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The wind having changed, several vessels have left for the north; the *Resolution, Mary,* and *Bristol,* now at Spithead, will be ordered for the Downs, where Sir Thos. Allin's squadron are to rendezvous. [*Ibid. No.* 158.]

May 27. Wapping. Sir Wm. Warren to the Navy Commissioners. I have advice from Gottenburg that that town is burnt, and that it is doubted I have many goods burnt with it. I bought 360 masts long since on his Majesty's account, and as it is possible they are burnt or cast adrift, if not stolen, it would be most requisite that you should determine whose they shall be reputed for the time to come, that there may be no question whose loss it is, or shall be. I desire you will peruse my letters and papers of March last, and send for the masts, or let me have them to myself, as I have not had one penny of the 7,556 rix dollars they cost me, which at 5*s.* a dollar, is 1,889*l.* sterling. [*Ibid. No.* 159.]

May 28. The *Hampshire.* Capt. Rich. Beach to the Navy Commissioners. There has been but one man pressed, whose name is Wm. Hamon, and this was before his Royal Highness's order of the 22nd; I intended to have made him midshipman. The petitions were as true as the complaint of the salmon, as I have no man aboard of the name of Obadiah Spurn. I suppose it is not his Royal Highness's intention that I should be clear of all those that were pressed before this last order came forth, any more than others that pressed as well as I did; but if it be, I must not disobey. I desire you to hasten the victualler, as I should have been in the Downs had the provisions and the pilot been aboard; but as he is not to be found, I am forced to send to the Trinity House for one. [*Ibid. No.* 160.]

May 28. Minehead. John Maurice to Williamson. Two barks have arrived from Ireland, with wool and tallow, and report the arrival there of the *Abraham* from Virginia, bound for Bridgwater. [*Ibid. No.* 161.]

May 28. Yarmouth. Rich. Bower to Williamson. The Duke of York's pleasure boat, with the Countess of Carlisle, sailed yesterday for Stockholm; 150 sail passed to the northward. [*Ibid. No.* 162.]

May 28. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. Ten sail of merchant ships and 2 others have arrived in the Downs, besides those formerly reported, The corn prospers, and there will be a large quantity of apples and pears, but plums and cherries are much blasted. [*Ibid. No.* 163.]

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May 28. [Sir Edm. Windham, Knight Marshal, to Lord Arlington.] Jane Lutterell, widow, of Marshwood, co. Somerset, being possessed of a treasure in gold and silver value 15,000*l.*, Maynard her coachman, and Ann Cory who attended her, with assistance of others, after her death, got the keys of the chest, and secretly conveyed away the money. Maynard and Cory, with 2 others named, were indicted, and a bill was found against them, but their trial was suspended till next assizes, in order to a further discovery. The 2 latter are at large, and residing at a common inn, where their confederates make daily application to them, and the justices of peace will not act unless commanded by the Lord Chief Justice. Request that the prisoners may be arrested and secured, and that Justice Kelynge may be desired to engage some justices of the peace for that and other purposes. [*S.P. Dom., Car II.* 260, *No.* 164.]

May 28. The King to Lord Chief Justice Vaughan and Justice Archer. Statement of the above case of Jane Lutterell. As the justices of the county omit vigorous prosecution, and some of the accused are at liberty, and countenanced by persons of interest, we require you to order the justices of the county to make a thorough examination of the parties accused, and to use all lawful means for a full discovery of the fact, and of all the accomplices, that justice may be done therein. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, *f.* 24.]

[May 28.] Draft of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 165.]

May 28. Whitehall. Order in Council that Lord Arlington prepare letters for his Majesty's signature, to be sent by Sir Thos. Allin to Algiers, demanding reparation for the ships and goods taken by them. [*Ibid. No.* 166.]

May 28. Whitehall. Petition of Nich. French to the King, for a presentation to the rectory of Holdenby, co. Northampton, void by death of Rob. Hill. It has no tithes other than 44*l.* a year, payable by the Earl of Northampton, as tenant to his Majesty's mother, for the demesnes of the manor of Holdenby. The Queen's counsel and the Earl of Northampton are willing petitioner should have it, but cannot give it to him without his Majesty's presentation.

With reference thereon to the Bishop of Oxford, and his report that he finds the petitioner a sober, orthodox, and conformable person, and hopes he may be fit in other respects for so small a thing.—25 June 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 167.]

May 28. Certificate by Gilbert, Archbishop of Canterbury, that Hen. Wootton, M.A., on being admitted to a prebend or canonship in his Majesty's free chapel at Windsor, took the oath according to the Act of Uniformity. With an extract of the oath so taken. [*Copy. Ibid. No.* 168.]

May 28. Commission for Thos. Chichley to be captain of the company of foot in Portsmouth, late Tim. Blencow's. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 20, *p.* 200.]

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May 28. Warrant to the Ordnance Commissioners, to order Jonas Moore to make a description of all castles, forts, batteries, creeks, &c., between Folkestone, Kent, and Southwold Bay, Suffolk, and to furnish him with boats and other needful assistance, and with such sums as they think fit for reward. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 144.]

May. Draft of the above, dated 25 May. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 169.]

May 28. Grant of denization to Oege Alles, an alien born. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 145.]

May. Docquet of the above, dated May. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 52.]

May 28. Warrant for a grant to Seabright Repington of 3 fairs at Atherstone in Warwickshire, in addition to one already held there, and of 3 markets, to be held for 3 weeks successively after Epiphany, for sale of cattle, in addition to a weekly market held there. [*Ibid.*]

May 28. The King to the Vice-Chancellor and heads of colleges in Cambridge. We understand that you have expelled Dan. Scargell, B.A., fellow of Corpus Christi, for publishing heretical opinions, tending to Atheism. We much approve your proceedings, which will be a precedent for others to beware; but as Scargell wishes to make an open recantation, and to declare his future adherence to the doctrine and discipline of the Church of England, on his doing so, we recommend him to your moderation, and request his restoration to the University and to his fellowship. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 27, *f.* 148.]

May 28. Court at Whitehall. Reference to the Treasury Commissioners of the petition of Bevil Skelton, for the benefit of the recognizance of [George ?] Snelling for 200*l.*, and [his sureties], John Jennings, Jo. Alworth, and George Cromwell, 100*l.* each, forfeit by his non-appearance in the King's Bench the first day of Easter term. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 33.]

May 29. Warrant to the Ordnance Commissioners to deliver 700 barrels of gunpowder to Thos. Warren, on security to pay the value within a year, in double-refined and well-conditioned saltpetre. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 138.]

May [29]. Draft of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 170.]

May 29. Warrant to Sir Edw. Walker, Garter King, and the other officers of arms, to grant to Mary Butler, wife of Sir George Hamilton, and Elizabeth Butler, wife of Col. John Fitzpatrick, daughters of Thomas Butler, Viscount Thurles, son and heir of Walter, Earl of Ormond and Ossory, the same precedence which they would have had if their father had lived to become Earl of Ormond and Ossory. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 145.]

May 29. Similar warrant for Frances McCarty, daughter of Charles McCarty Viscount Muskerry, and son and heir of Donogh Earl of Clancarty, who died before his father, being killed at sea in service against the Dutch. Minute. [*Ibid. f.* 146.]

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May 29.
Lyme.

Ant. Thorold to Hickes. I send a letter arrived by the *Prosperous* from Morlaix; 2 other ships have come in from places named. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 171.]

May 29.
The *Hampshire*, Hope.

Capt. Rich. Beach to the Navy Commissioners. I think there is nothing immodest in my last, as the complaints have been credited, and yet what men we had were lawfully pressed. If it were his Royal Highness's pleasure that all that have been pressed since the first should be discharged, the *Portland, Constant Warwick,* and *Foresight* would have had orders to deliver their men; but I conceive it is a pique against me; I have done nothing that I am afraid or ashamed of. I desire an order to the Trinity House for a pilot to the Downs, having his Royal Highness's orders to go there, but the pilot ordered for me is not to be heard of. I have discharged the 2 men, as ordered, and have not many more to discharge, but what I shall press anew. Noted 1 June, that Col. Middleton undertook the business of the pilot to-morrow, at Trinity House. [*Ibid. No.* 172.]

May 30.
Portsmouth.

Capt. Ant. Deane to the Navy Commissioners. I have sent the order to the New Forest, and on Tuesday will send 40 men to work there, go myself and see all things put in order, and mark the fittest timber. Pray send 40 or 50 shipwrights to fill the places of those sent to the forest, and a supply of tar to put the works in hand afloat. Let order be given that the men in the forest may receive their arrears, the better to encourage them. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 173.]

May 30.
Hull.

Chas. Whittington to Lord Arlington. I beg for an answer as to what proceedings I am to adopt to prevent the importation of corn, another vessel having come in with 90 lasts, and tendered their customs, which has been refused. The first vessel has landed 30 lasts, but I have clapped locks on the cellar doors, and secured it till further order, and shall do the same with the rest of the corn, which they intend to land forthwith. I hear that you, the Lord Keeper, and others were to consider of a way to prevent the importation, and to give orders to the officers of the Customs. [*Ibid. No.* 174.]

May 30.
Hull.

Same to Williamson. Particulars of the arrival and departure of ships. [*Ibid. No.* 175.]

May 30.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The Spanish Ambassador with his retinue arrived last Friday, and have been complimented by the Mayor, aldermen, and deputy-governor. There were great rejoicings yesterday, in honour of his Majesty's birthday, by the guns from the town, those from Sir Thos. Allin's fleet at Spithead, and those from the Isle of Wight, the Ambassador being a spectator of what passed. [*Ibid. No.* 176.]

May 30.
Deal.

Rich. Watts to Williamson. About 36 ships have arrived from several ports, 12 being stout ones from the Straits, and another an East Indiaman. There are 10 in the Downs outward bound. [*Ibid. No.* 177.]

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May 31. Levant Company to Sir Dan. Harvey, Ambassador [in Turkey]. Pray procure the Grand Seignior's usual command, investing Sir Clement Harby as Consul in the Morea, and send it with your lordship's commission by express to Petras, so as to meet Sir Clement there. We have found it requisite, for the better management of affairs, to establish a Consul there, as some disturbance was caused last year by the French Consul. We have received your letters of December and February, and the last being from Constantinople, we congratulate you on your safe arrival, but shall take some days longer to consider their contents and to answer them. [*Levant Papers, Vol.* 5, *p.* 209.]

May 31.
Cambridge. Dr. R. Cudworth to Williamson. There will be 3 beadles' places void before long, and I apprehend the University will have elections, so I conceive it not impossible but Mr. B[arker] might be chosen, if you will write to the Vice-Chancellor to promote his being nominated; for then both the freedom of elections and the end of the King's letter would be answered. If you will venture upon this way, I will serve you to the utmost, in our college and elsewhere. I am informed by my son, Dr. Abney, that you were the principal instrument in satisfying Lord Arlington as to Mr. Fanshaw's letter, so that the college might have their liberty, and I thank you for it. My wife presents her humble service. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 178.]

May 31. Warrant to the Ordnance Commissioners to grant a discharge to Sir Thos. Allin, for 8 barrels of gunpowder, 7 of which he thought fit for the good of the service to give to the Governor of Algiers, and one to the Governor of Tunis. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 145.]

May 31. Reference of the petition of Capt. Michael Fleming, for the fee absolute, and further remainder of the estate of his predecessors, to the Solicitor-General, who is to ascertain what number of heirs of the said estate are in being. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 34.]

May. Grant to the Duke of Albemarle of 38*l.* 13*s.* 11½*d.* a year, from the King's rents in Middlesex and Essex, during the Queen's life, and 20*l.* during the Queen Mother's life, in lieu of the same sums granted him on the jointures of the said Queens, as part of the 7,000*l.* a year granted him in 1661. [*Ibid.*]

[May.] Memorandum that the total amount of Militia money received from several counties was 23,011*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* The total of all payments made for raising and maintaining 18 troops in the year 1666 was 20,139*l.* 4*s.* 10*d.*, and so there remains in Sir Stephen Fox's hands 2,872*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.* [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 181.]

May. Capt. Rich. Trevanion to Sir John Mennes. I have come to answer what objections may be alleged against me concerning tickets; if there be any, I should willingly satisfy you, and if there

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be not any, I desire to have my tickets, as the loss of time at this present will be a great hindrance. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 182.]

May. Certificate by Sir Thos. Allin, that Thos. Melmoth has been muster master under his command, from the date of his warrant until the discharge of the *Monmouth,* 30 April 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 183.]

May. Deal. Lists sent by Morgan Lodge to Williamson, of King's and merchant ships in the Downs, the state of the wind, time of the arrival and despatch of mails, &c.:—

Vol. 260. No.	Date.	King's.	Merchants'.	Wind.	Mails.		Remarks.
					Arrival.	Despatch.	
184	May 1	2	20	W.	—	7 p.m.	Divers more ships are gone through.
185	„ 2	2	23	N.W.	—	6 p.m.	
186	„ 3	3	18	N.W.	—	7 p.m.	
187	„ 4	3	17	N.N.W.	—	7 p.m.	
188	„ 5	3	15	W.N.W.	—	—	
189	„ 6	3	21	S.W.	—	—	
190	„ 7	3	16	S.W.	—	—	
191	„ 9	1	2	N.E.	—	—	
192	„ 10	1	1	N.E.	—	—	
193	„ 11	1	1	N.E.	—	—	
194	„ 12	1	1	N.E.	—	—	
195	„ 13	1	1	N.E.	—	4.30.	
196	„ 14	1	—	N.E.	—	—	
197	„ 15	1	1	N.E.	—	6 p.m.	
198	„ 16	1	1	N.E.	—	—	
199	„ 17	1	1	N.E.	—	5 p.m.	
200	„ 18	1	1	N.E.	—	6 p.m.	
201	„ 20	1	1	N.E.	—	—	
202	„ 21	1	1	N.E.	—	6 p.m.	
203	„ 23	1	1	N.E.	—	—	
204	„ 24	1	1	N.E.	—	6 p.m.	
205	„ 25	1	1	N.E.	—	7 p.m.	
206	„ 26	1	4	S.S.W.	—	6.30 p.m.	
207	„ 27	1	10	S.W.	—	6 p.m.	
208	„ 28	1	13	N.W.	—	7 p.m.	
209	„ 29	1	7	S.W.	—	8 p.m.	
210	„ 30	2	19	—	—	8 p.m.	

June 1. [Lord Arlington] to the Mayor of Exeter. All the use I could make of your letter, about Mr. Glide's impertinent and indiscreet appearance in the Council Chamber of the city, with a pretended message from his Majesty, was to acquaint his Majesty with it, who commanded me to bid the mayor, in his name, to prevent, with care and discretion, all unlawful assemblies of that kind, which by their excess in number, or manner of behaviour, may endanger the public peace, and give affront to the established worship or government of the Church; and to proceed according to law against the preacher and the principal offenders therein. As for Mr. Glide, you may make such account of him as his deportment and value in the city have put upon him. [*Draft, holograph.* 1¼ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 1.]

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June 1. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. The wind changing, nearly all the ships have left; there is a report that Taffaletta intends to besiege Algiers by land, and us by sea; the Dutch joining us, and Taffaletta taking it, we are to be free for ever. Two Virginia ships have come in. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 2.]

June 1. Alban Hall. Dr. Thos. Lamplugh to Rob. Francis. I desire your assistance in hastening a grant of a prebend of Worcester, which the King has conferred upon me. [*Ibid. No.* 3. *See p.* 358, *infra.*]

June $\frac{1}{16}$. Genoa. Earl of Winchilsea to [Lord Arlington]. Particulars of a journey from Malta. At Florence the Grand Duke showed me a new map of the progress of the fire of Catania, which is now entered into the city, and is progressing into the sea. I expect to have a perfect draft of that fire, which I design for his Majesty. Virgil, in his Georgics, names this fiery mountain [Etna] as breaking out on the death of Julius Cæsar.

From Florence I went to Pisa and Leghorn, and thence to Venice, where I met a galley from this State sent for me. The Republic would have received me publicly, but I went by invitation to the house of Signor Giovanni Agostino Durazzo, to whom I had shown civilities when he was Ambassador at Constantinople; all our nation here much express their obligations to this family. This morning I depart for Marseilles, thence to Paris, where I leave my son, and thence in all haste for England. [*Ibid. No.* 4.]

June 1. Whitehall. Sec. Trevor to Sir Job Charleton, Chief Justice, and the Sheriffs of Chester. You are to proceed according to law against Darcy Lassells, who was formerly reprieved by the King's order, and to execute the sentence of death, unless from something at the trial, you see good cause to suspend it. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 28, *f.* 25.]

June 2. Chatham. Edw. Gregory to the Navy Commissioners. I paid the men employed in weighing the wrecks their arrears, out of the 500*l.* left in my hands by Mr. Hutchinson, and send the account. Let a bill be made out for the sum, to enable me to clear my imprest, having entered 56 men more since the discharge of these. Yesterday the purser's servant of the *Montague* was towed ashore and publicly discharged. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 5.]

June 2. The *Roebuck*, Downs. Capt. Geo. Liddell to the Navy Commissioners. I want a supply of cables. The frigate is in good condition, and sails well, but I have only 40 men. [*Ibid. No.* 6.]

June 2. Chatham. John Moore and Edw. Moorcock to the Navy Commissioners. We paid all the charge up to 31 May, and entered 56 men, but are disappointed for want of victuals, and the agent will not deliver any, so we are constrained to buy. We are preparing to heave the Dutch ship ashore, and will then go to the Muscle Bank, where the wrecks lie most dangerous to ships passing. Hasten a supply of oars, and spars for long staves for boat hooks. Understanding that the *Mackler* is to load with elm timber, we have delayed her

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voyage till further order, as we cannot well proceed without her [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 7.]

June 2. *Mary* yacht, Dublin. Capt. James Sharland to the Navy Commissioners. I send 2 ships' books. I have received the 2 cables, but no boatswain or carpenter's stores, as promised. [*Ibid. No.* 8.]

June 2. Capt. Pet. Bowen to Thos. Hayter. Pray send me 40 protection tickets for our men, and 2 sea-books for the use of my ship, the *Centurion.* [*Ibid. No.* 9.]

[June 2.] Petition of Capt. John Tinker, attendant of the dockyard at Portsmouth, to the King, for an order to the Navy Treasurers to repay him 950*l.*, advanced by him in 1665 and 1666—when all sorts of provisions were wanting for the stores, and merchants were exact for present payment—in order to buy goods, without which the ships could not have sailed out of port, and for which Col. Thos. Middleton promised him repayment in 6 months; has made several journeys to London, but not yet received a penny. [*Ibid. No.* 10.]

June 2. Reference of the above petition to the Treasury Commissioners. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 33.]

June 2. Whitehall. Order in Council, upon the petition of Thos. Fitz and Hen. Brockwell, of the King's band of violins,—setting forth that by reason of their extraordinary service in constant waiting, they have little else to depend on but their salary, payable out of the Treasury Chamber; that on application there, they find they shall only receive 20*d.* a day, which being but a moiety of what they formerly received, and not sufficient for their support, their ruin must inevitably follow, unless his Majesty's bounty is extended to them—that Lord Arlington is to prepare a warrant for continuing the petitioners in the establishment of his Majesty's private music as formerly, and that their salaries are to be paid to them out of the Treasury Chamber as heretofore, notwithstanding the order for retrenching his Majesty's expenses. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 11.]

June 2. Milford. John Powell to Williamson. A French ship with wines and brandy bound for Dublin has arrived; the *Monmouth* still remains in the harbour, waiting for the Earl of Orrery. [*Ibid. No.* 12.]

June 2. Same to Hickes to the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 13.]

June 3. Gruell. Sir Thos. Higgons to Williamson. Although I was but a day in London since my return from Germany, yet was I no less than 3 times at your chamber to see you, but missed you. I hope within a few days to have that happiness. [*Ibid. No.* 14.]

June 3. John Morehouse to the [Navy Commissioners]. All the waste that has been committed in the Queen's underwood, since I first entered into Whittlewood Forest, would not have yielded 5*s.* I understand that there are great quantities of the best oaks and thriving trees lopped every year by the keepers, and those under them, under pretence of being for the deer, but really sold by the keepers; this breeds much destruction, and if not put a stop to,

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will spoil all the best oaks. I beg a bill to defray the charges in the work, and also a warrant for charging the country with the carriage. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 15.]

June 3. Deptford. Jonas Shish to the Navy Commissioners. I need a supply of beams and knees for the second and third decks of a ship building, and doubt not but Moorhouse, the purveyor, can send some in the first barge. I have thought of a way for cleansing the mud out of the wet dock; if you shall think it fit on a survey, it will be done at a very reasonable charge. [*Ibid. No.* 16.]

June 3. Robert Mayors to Thos. Hayter. I want warrants to Deptford for receiving oars, &c., from George Body, according to a contract made with Col. Middleton, and inch boards and fir timber from John Shorter. [*Ibid. No.* 17.]

June 3. Proposals by [Surgeon-General J.] Pearse for making the *Golden Hand* a hospital ship, to accompany the Straits' fleet to Algiers, rejected as an unnecessary charge. [*Ibid. No.* 18.]

June 4. Petition of John Andrews, B.A., foundation scholar of Christ's College, Cambridge, to the King, to dispense with a clause in the statute, and make him capable of being elected by the college to a fellowship, if they think him deserving. His Majesty formerly recommended Thos. Lovett, B.A., for a fellowship in that college, which was obeyed, though he was not a foundation scholar, and thereby the petitioner, though a foundation scholar of the house, is excluded. With note by the Earl of Manchester to Lord Arlington, desiring that he will move his Majesty for a dispensation for the petitioner, as the Master says the college will not oppose it. [*Ibid. No.* 19.]

June 4. Grant to Sir John Shaw, Bart., and Robt. Tounson, on surrender of John Dawes and Chas. Cornwallis, of the office of collector of the subsidies of tonnage and poundage in the port of London. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 53.]

June 4. Information by Ralph Smith, warden [of the Stationers' Company], and 2 others, of a book called "A devout Method of hearing the Mass," taken in Mr. Sadler's shop, and of other Popish books printed by John Winter. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 260, *No.* 20. *See June* 8, *infra.*]

June 5. [Lord Arlington] to the Warden and Assistants of the Stationers' Company, and to Edw. Goldegoy, messenger. The King understands that on search by the said company, several copies of Popish and unlicensed books were seized in the shop of Johnson the bookseller, but were taken away and restored to him by a constable. You are to secure Johnson and his papers and books, and any who have been privy to selling the same, and bring them before me. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 146.]

June 5. Warrant to Charles, Earl of Westmoreland, to forbear accepting any warrants for fee deer, and not allow any deer to be hunted or killed for a year, in Moorhay and Shirley Walks in Rockingham Forest, the stock there being very small. [*Ibid. f.* 148.]

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June 5. Thos. Page to Williamson. The enclosed are recommended to your favour. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 21.]

June 5. Chester. Sir Geoffery Shakerley to Williamson. Hearing that one Garside,—amongst divers others that had long fled from authority by shifting from county to county, and changing his apparel—was keeping a conventicle at Bosly Chapel, 5 miles from Chester, I took a friend, and one of my own men, and went to the place, where I found him in the act of his pretended devotions, with about 200 persons, from whom I received much opposition, but more abuse by their foul language. I secured Garside, who confessed he had never been in orders, and sent him to prison, for refusing to give security to answer the law for this unlawful assembly. I hope to see the laws executed upon some more of the ringleaders. Their insolence is grown to that height that some of the chief of the female disciples said openly that the King tolerated their meeting, and that they therefore wondered I disturbed them; it will much lessen his Majesty's authority in his subordinate magistrates, if some severe course be not speedily taken to restrain those confident expressions and practices. [*Ibid. No.* 22.]

June 5. Portsmouth. St. J. Steventon to the Navy Commissioners. I want directions as to checking and keeping the time of 40 shipwrights, sent into the Forest by the master-shipwright, it being a new thing to send men out of the yard to hew a ship's frame. [*Ibid. No.* 23.]

June 5. Account of necessaries required for going down to sound the Galloper Sands; viz., 3 vessels and 2 good skiffs, 6 buoys, 2 able pilots, sounding leads and lines, and fitting instructions. [*Ibid. No.* 24.]

June 6. Chatham. Capt. Martin Carslake to Thos. Hayter. Particulars of the length and breadth of the *Golden Hand.* I have not taken in any of the stores, but hope to do so by next week, if we have the help of the ordinary. I need a carpenter, and a gunner, mine being ill. [*Ibid. No.* 25.]

June 6. Portsmouth. Capt. Ant. Deane to the Navy Commissioners. I have been to Shoreham, Arundel, and Pulborough, to see what plank may be had for the new ship; and also to the New Forest, where I found all the men at their labour, of which you will have an exceeding good account. I marked out several suitable trees, and can see nothing to hinder the work, except their month's pay, which they much urge, to procure provisions and credit, the country people being shy. I have seen all the shipwrights, and can only discover 18, although 8 ships are building; they are forced to get house carpenters and labourers, and what other help they can; men from London are wanted. The King's monthly pay of 2*s.* 1*d.* a day will not invite, while the builders are giving 3*s.* and 3*s.* 6*d.* to good workmen, there being a scarcity of men in these parts. I propose that the few men in the Forest may work overtime, as it comes to little or nothing, and much is to be done in a very short time. I want leave to come to London to attend his Royal Highness. [2½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 26.]

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Deal.

Rich. Watts to Williamson. A Danish flyboat, laden with deals and spars, ran aground upon the Goodwin; the Deal men soon got her afloat, and she is expected in the Downs with the next tide. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 27.]

June 6.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Resolution*, *Mary*, and *Bristol* are at Spithead, ready for sailing orders; the *Portland* is also there, waiting for the Spanish Ambassador to embark with his family. [*Ibid. No.* 28.]

June 6.
Barnstaple.

Wm. Wakeman to Williamson. Arrival of the *St. Peter* of Dunkirk from Rochelle, with salt, wine, and prunes; 3 other French vessels have also arrived laden with salt. [*Ibid. No.* 29.]

June 7.
Monday.
Tower.

Sir John Robinson to Williamson. On Saturday I went to Newhall, where I found the Lord General much indisposed; his physician, Dr. Needham, thinks he cannot be better until the water is out of his belly. To-day being Trinity Monday, the Society of the Trinity House choose a master; as I am one of the brethren, I must attend at the dinner at Deptford, or I would have waited upon you at Whitehall. [*Ibid. No.* 30.]

June 7.
Whitehall.

Lord Arlington to Sir Orlando Bridgeman, Lord Keeper. My old friend, Broome Whorwood, on going out of town, left me the draft of a petition in the matter depending between him and his wife, which I promised I would advise upon before presenting it to his Majesty. Pray cast your eye over it, and give an opinion at your leisure. [*Ibid. No.* 31.] *Enclosing,*

Petition of Broome Whorwood to the King. Before your restoration, my wife sued me for alimony, got a Chancery decree in the suit, and obtained several orders of sequestration of all my estate, for not observing the decree. Thereupon I appealed to your Majesty, who heard the whole matter, and made order that I should settle 300*l. a year upon trustees for her maintenance during her life, and also pay her* 1,000*l. in satisfaction of all arrears and costs: thereupon I sealed the writings, and paid her* 500*l., as also another* 500*l. by her direction to the sequestrators, who, as they pretended, had a much greater sum due to them by her.*

The sequestrators being clamorous for the remainder of their money, amounting to above 1,000*l., there was a second appeal to your Majesty, who declared that what money had been paid, by reason of the sequestration, by my wife should be wholly borne by her, but that what was due to any officer or persons in the country should be paid by me; in obedience to which, I have paid above* 500*l. more to the said sequestrators, and have their discharge for the whole, being above* 1,000*l.; but I am nevertheless again prosecuted to repay to my wife the* 500*l. which was paid to the sequestrators, although your Majesty declared in your order that what was paid should stand, and commanded me to pay the*

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remainder, which is performed; yet unless I submit, there is an order made in the Court of Chancery for the sequestration of all my real and personal estate. I beg leave to attend you with the proceeding, and for you to declare whether I have not fully observed your commands. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 31I.]

June 7. Carlisle. P. M. [Sir Phil. Musgrave to Williamson]. The bearer comes prepared with an account of how the King's affairs here stand, as I cannot reserve in my own breast what I conceive may be for the advantage of his Majesty to have made known to you. [*Ibid. No.* 32.]

June 7. Carlisle. Same to the Same. I request you to procure an order for the discharge of George Elton, sent to Carlisle Castle by order of the Lord General two years ago. He was to have been released on entering into a bond in 500*l.* for good behaviour, but has not been able to procure any to be bound for him. I consider him a foolish, inconsiderable fellow, and able to do but very little harm, though his principles are bad enough, as he discovers when he is drunk. [*Ibid. No.* 33.]

June 7. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. The ship on the Goodwin was a light vessel, launched at Amsterdam, and built for the French King to fetch salt. The *Constant Warwick* and 8 others sailed for the Straits. [*Ibid. No.* 34.]

June 7. The King to the Master and Senior Fellows of Christ's College, Cambridge. We recommend John Andrews, B.A., a foundation scholar of your house, to a fellowship, notwithstanding his being of the same county as Thos. Lovett, B.A., admitted on a previous recommendation, although not a foundation scholar. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 19, *p.* 105.]

June 7. Pass for Teage Steffon, ensign in Tangiers, and his family, to Ireland. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 148.]

June 7. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of Sir Phil. Monckton, for a trial in the county of York, on his information of great extortions committed by Rob. Benson, clerk of assize for the said circuit, who endeavours to procure the trial to be at Westminster. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 34.]

June 7. Hull. Jos. Blaydes to the Navy Commissioners. I hope you will help me to some money, as my long forbearance has brought me into many inconveniences. Sir Jeremy Smith has been in town, and said he thought the accounts between his Majesty and me had been cleared. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 35.]

June 8. John Russell to [Pepys]. Receipt by Th. Turner for two pairs of decayed hand screws; I desire others in the room of them. [*Ibid. No.* 36.]

June 8. Licence to John Pecket, merchant of York, to transport two horses to Konigsberg, Prussia, for Richard Reynolds, merchant, there residing. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 106.]

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June 8. The King to the Mayor and Magistrates of Plymouth. We require you to permit Stephen Akerman, late a soldier in the Dutch war, and now a grocer in your town, to exercise his trade, dispensing with the statute requiring the serving an apprenticeship, for breach of which he is indicted. Many persons in the town follow trades without apprenticeship, and he, for his services, deserves equal encouragement. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 106.]

June 8. Notes [by Williamson] of an examination of Theodore Sadler, bookseller and printer, before Lord Arlington, as to being in possession of several copies of a work called "The Brief Method," and "The Passing Bell of Controversies"; also of the bringing in of other books from France. Also like examination of [John] Winter, printer, as to a book in his house called "Meditations for Every Day in the Year," being a translation. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 37.]

June 8. London. ——— to [Williamson]. I brought you a letter of recommendation from the Resident of Tuscany, when you referred me to Sir Geo. Downing and the Treasury Commissioners; but I have been so long delayed, that I must beseech you to hasten my despatch, so that I may proceed, or if not, may follow my vocation. I am a stranger, and at greater expense than others, having come from Leghorn in one of the King's frigates, and paid my passage to the full. Endorsed [by Williamson], "Mine in Jamaica." [*Ibid. No.* 38.]

July 8. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The Spanish Ambassador is still detained by contrary winds; he went to see the King's dock and the new ship building. Sir Phil. Honeywood, Deputy Governor, waited on him. [*Ibid. No.* 39.]

June 8. Cockermouth. Dr. Thos. Smith to Williamson. I hope you received my letter of 25 May, and will put me out of pain as to that business by next post, by informing me that you have excused me to the Lord Chamberlain and the Bishop of Oxford, and procured a fit person to wait in my room this next month, as I cannot possibly come up. [*Ibid. No.* 40.]

June 8. Plymouth. John Clarke to Williamson. Excuse my long silence, through sickness and being at Exeter under the care of a physician; 12 ships have put in from London and the East. [*Ibid. No.* 41.]

June 9. Capt. Wal. Slingsby to Jos. Williamson. Send word where Sir Thos. Sandys and I can speak with you to-day, about 1 o'clock. [*Ibid. No.* 42.]

June 9. Whitehall. Order in Council that Lord Arlington prepare a letter from his Majesty to the Bashaw of Algiers, demanding satisfaction for depredations on his Majesty's subjects, and the offer of a fair compensation of differences by way of treaty, according to instructions to Sir Thos. Allin, commander of the fleet to be sent into the Mediterranean sea. [*Ibid. No.* 43.]

June 9. Milford. John Powell to Williamson. The *Monmouth* still remains here, waiting to take the Earl of Orrery to Ireland. [*Ibid. No.* 44.]

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June 9. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Williamson. The *Penrin* of Falmouth, and *Jacob* of London, arrived from Barbadoes with sugars, give a very good account of the trade of that island; the *Providence* of Falmouth, entered for Holland, has taken in her tobacco again, and is ready to sail the first fair wind. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 45.]

June 9. Same to Hickes. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 46.]

June 9. Brooke House. Order by the Commissioners for Accounts to Wm. Wardour, Clerk of the Pells, directing him to prepare and transmit to them an account of all issues and payments made in the Exchequer, out of the money arising by the Poll Bill. [*Ibid. No.* 47.]

June 9. Mandamus to the Dean and Chapter of Worcester to elect Dr. Thos. Lamplugh, S.T.P., to the prebend void by death of George Glenn. [*Latin. Ibid. No.* 48.]

June 9. Presentation of Dr. Lamplugh to the said prebend, in the form under which it passed the Great Seal. [*Latin. Ibid. No.* 49.]

June [9]. Grant in reversion to Jos. Williamson, after Sir Rich. Browne, Sir Edw. Walker, Sir John Nicholas, and Sir Rob. Southwell, of the office of Clerk of the Privy Council, fee 50*l.* a year. Minute. [*Ibid. No.* 50.]

June 9. Docquet of the above. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 54.]

June 9. Petition of Sam. Free, English merchant at Hamburg, to the King, for leave to bring in boards and timber of German growth which he bought, considering that the Act of Navigation rendered their import in English ships lawful; but some persons intend to take advantage of a passage in a later Act against frauds in Customs, and to order them to be seized on if he sends them. Pleads that without such import of materials, at the present price of building, London never can be rebuilt. With note thereon, 23 June, to consult former similar orders; reference by Council, 30 July, to the Farmers of Customs; and their report, 3 Aug., that such import is not contrary to the Act of Navigation, and that since that Act, a special privilege was granted for import of Hamburg goods, whether in English or Hamburg vessels. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *Nos.* 50A, B, C.]

June 9. Warrant to the Treasury Commissioners to pay 500*l.* to Charles, Lord Andover, out of the Privy Seal Dormant of 2 Oct. 1668, as the King's free gift. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 148.]

June 9. Warrant to pay to the Duke of York 120*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.*, with all moneys due from Sir Nich. Armorer and others, for certain prize goods and ships taken in the late war and sold in Ireland, and to deliver the bonds and securities for the same to the Duke of York. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 55.]

June 9. Warrant to pay to Rich. Norton 1,319*l.* from the hearth money, for purchase of land for enlarging the fortifications of Portsmouth,

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and for the damage sustained by the proprietors, with 6 per cent. interest from the time the lands were taken in; but no principal to be paid till the lands are fully assured to his Majesty's use. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 55.]

June 9. Grant to John Williams, in reversion after Thos. Wiseman, of the office of Assay of tin, cos. Devon and Cornwall; salary 200*l.* a year. [*Ibid.*]

June 9. Chatham. Martin Carslake to the Navy Commissioners. I send a certificate for Nich. Luke, and recommend him for the carpenter's place on the *Golden Hand.* I have taken in part of the masts and yards, but the work goes on slowly, by reason of our weak help. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 51.]

June 9. Woolwich. Edw. Byland to Col. Thos. Middleton. I presume Capt. Coleman has given an account of the disaster befallen the *Portsmouth;* the *Garland* has the knee of her head broken short off, and is shattered down to the water. The *Swallow* of Ipswich,—Maning master, did it, and Capt. Hannam, who was on board, is of my opinion, that it will not be safe to trust the ship with this man. I hope my going to Gravesend was to good purpose, the ship making little water when I left her. [*Ibid. No.* 52.]

June 9. Chatham. John Moore and Edw. Moorcock to the Navy Commissioners. We have removed the Dutch ship on to the shore, where she may be broken up, or made to swim; it is the same vessel that was disposed of to the gunner of the *Henry.* We purpose to hasten down to Mussle Bank, to endeavour to remove those vessels that lie most dangerous to the passage of ships. The victualling has arrived, but no spars or oars, which we much want. [*Ibid. No.* 53.]

June 10. John Baldwin, purser of the *Blackamoor,* to the Navy Commissioners. Having been 18 months passing my accounts, I have become debtor to the victualler, and cannot balance, by the non-allowance of two certificates sent, for beer thrown overboard and casks lost by stress of weather; if these are not allowed, it will be my ruin. I beg an order that they may be allowed, all other pursers having allowance in like cases. [*Ibid. No.* 54.]

June 10. The *Roebuck,* Downs. Capt. George Liddell to the Navy Commissioners. Repeats his last letter as to the want of cables. [*Ibid. No.* 55.]

June 10. Ordnance Office. Edw. Sherburne and Fras. Nicholls to the Navy Commissioners. Thanks for an account of the gunner's stores aboard the *Harp* frigate, laid up at Kinsale; will write to their agent to take charge of them. Desire an order to Mr. Wilson, storekeeper at Chatham, to issue to Nich. Cheltenham the ironwork received from the *Defiance,* lately burnt, as it may be serviceable again in carriages. [*Ibid. No.* 56.]

June 10. Woolwich. Edw. Byland, shipwright's assistant, to the Navy Commissioners. Surveyed the damage done to the *Portsmouth* by the collier; it may amount to 11*l*. Has sent men and provisions aboard, and ordered them to make despatch. Cannot give an account of the ship and master's names, she being gone before their order came to Woolwich, but presumes Capt. Coleman gave one to Col. Middleton. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 57.]

June 10. Woolwich. Capt. W. Hannam and Edw. Byland to the Navy Commissioners. Surveyed the *Garland*, and send particulars of the damage, and repairs to be done. [*Ibid. No.* 58.]

June 10. Portsmouth. Edw. Silvester to the Navy Commissioners. The chain lies in a wasting condition, far worse than if it were in its proper place; 450*l*. would complete it for a mooring for the hulk, and save the King 150*l*. a year. [*Ibid. No.* 59.]

June 10. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The Spanish Ambassador is detained by contrary winds; the *Resolution* and 3 others are at Spithead. [*Ibid. No.* 60.]

June 11. Certificate by the Earl of Northampton and 2 others, that Wm. Jones, of Cossiter, co. Northampton, is a poor and aged man, and has sustained great losses for his loyalty, to the ruin of himself and family. Noted that it is a copy of the certificate annexed to Jones' petition. [*Ibid. No.* 61.]

June 11. Yarmouth. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Several laden colliers have passed through; 100 were forced to anchor about Corton; a ship from Norway has arrived. [*Ibid. No.* 62.]

June 11. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. I send enclosures (missing) to you and Mr. Williamson from Mr. Holden. The *George* has arrived from Virginia. [*Ibid. No.* 63.]

June 11. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. The *Little Victory* and 6 merchant ships came from the river, bound for the Straits. [*Ibid. No.* 64.]

June 11. London. Thos. Tyte to [Williamson?]. Report that Sir Rob. Holmes's ship, the *Albemarle*, not being English built, cannot by Act of Parliament import Ottoman goods; that she is daily expected, and when she comes into port, will be forfeit with all her goods; that the factors will stay her in the Downs till they can procure licence, which if refused, they will order her for Holland, and the King will lose his customs. Requests him to draw a petition to be presented that day in Council, for which Sir Rob. Holmes will wait on him, and the laders will pay him. [*Ibid. No.* 65.]

[June 11.] Petition of Sir Rob. Holmes, and others concerned in the ship *Albemarle*, to the King, for leave to unlade from the said ship—being a French prize naturalized, and let to merchants for a voyage to Leghorn and Smyrna—the Ottoman goods with which she was laden, in ignorance of the Act for Shipping and Navigation, by which all such goods are to be imported in English ships only. [*Ibid. No.* 66.]

June 11. Warrant to the Duke of York, Lord Admiral, for the delivery of 2 prize hoys to Lieut. Rich. Sadlington. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 56.]

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June 11. Whitehall. Warrant to Lord Ashley Treasurer for Prizes, to pay 100*l.* to Signor Georgio de Paolo di Ragusa, as the King's free bounty. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 26, *f.* 61.]

June 11. Warrant to Sir John Howell, Recorder, and the Sheriffs of London, to discharge Roger and Rob. Bates, condemned as felons at the Old Bailey, for wandering up and down the country as vagabonds, with other lewd persons calling themselves Egyptians, and pretending to tell fortunes, on security to transport themselves to the foreign plantations, and there to remain during the time prescribed by their pardon of transportation. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 28, *f.* 26.]

June 11. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney-General of the petition of Sir James Norfolk, for a writ *de non procedendo, rege inconsulto,* to stop a vexatious suit of one Crake against him, for his place of Serjeant-at-Arms to the House of Commons. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 35.]

June 11. Woolwich. Edw. Byland to Col. Thos. Middleton. I desire an order to the storekeeper, to make out bills to Mr. Stafford for 6 pinnaces built by me, and also for a pinnace longboat for the *Portsmouth.* I am in hand with the *Garland,* and will make all despatch. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 67.]

June 11. Chatham. J. Wilson to Pepys. There is a parcel of timber to be sold at 50*s.* a load, by Sir Humphrey Miller. If the bargain be made, it is to be done by Thos. Tunbridge, master carpenter, who is to have 20*l.* for his pains, as Sir Humphrey will only deal with private persons. [*Ibid. No.* 68.]

June 12. Deptford. Jonas Shish to the Navy Commissioners. I surveyed Sir Wm. Warren's Spanish timber and knees, and find them fit and useful for the service. The barge of long timber for the beams of the gun deck is carried down to Woolwich; the fault lies in the master of the barge, for he is gaining 1*s.* in every load by taking it there. We are sheathing the *Sweepstakes,* which will be ready to take in her provisions next week. [*Ibid. No.* 69.]

June 12. Portsmouth. Capt. Rob. Clarke to the Navy Commissioners. I understand that 44*l.* 10*s.* has been stopped of my salary for the last voyage in the *Mary* in 1667, although the officers and men, both in her and in the *Monmouth,* have been paid. I desire you will rectify this, and order its payment; it is very strange I should be so unhandsomely dealt with. [*Ibid. No.* 70.]

June 12. Chatham. Phineas Pett to the Navy Commissioners. There is an absolute necessity for entering 20 calkers to repair the ships in this harbour; that number was pressed by Mr. Boultwell, the master calker, and they received press and conduct money, but have not appeared; I have sent him up with their names to receive your directions. It requires despatch, as almost the whole navy here is yet to be done, and will receive much prejudice if not speedily despatched. I send up John Daniel, master carpenter of the *Defiance,* and recommend him as fit to go as carpenter in the *Golden Hand.* [*Ibid. No.* 71.]

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June 12. Levant Company to Paul Ricaut, Smyrna. Complaint having been made to us by the administrators of the late Consul Cave, that you detain his estate, and the books and papers, we have denied that it is done by our order, we having only directed detention of such as would answer our demands on him which, with 2,000 dollars deposited by the owners of the *Greyhound,* and interest thereon, we judged to be about 6,000 or 7,000 dollars. Supposing that the principal has been made good to our and the owners' account, of which you are to take care, we have agreed with the administrators that only 2,504 dollars of the Consul's estate shall remain in our hands, which is to be made good to our treasurer, with such interest as you shall find has been received by Cave. As to the rest of his estate, together with his books and papers, we refer you to such directions as you shall receive from the administrators, to whom you are to give such assistance as may prevent any further cause for complaint. [*Levant Papers, Vol.* 5, *p.* 209.]

June 12. Petition of the merchants trading to the Canary Islands to the King and Council, showing that since the reinforcing the Act for prizing wines, their trade is much injured, and the export of English goods and the receipt of customs reduced to one-third, whilst during its discontinuance, trade revived, more shipping was employed, goods exported value 140,000*l.*, and bullion, &c., imported, and customs of 60,000*l.* a year paid; they request aid by a free commerce, to prevent the utter ruin of the traders. [6 *signatures. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 72.]

June 12. Whitehall. Warrant for a grant of pardon to Theophilus Birkenhead, convicted of the manslaughter of Wm. Brooks, whom he is believed to have killed in self-defence. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 28, *f.* 26.]

June 12. Dr. Ralph Cudworth to Williamson. I desire you will stop any dispensation for Mr. Bambrig to hold a living of the college's presentation with his fellowship, beyond the time allowed by the statute. He has had all favour imaginable, but is insatiable, and cannot continue longer holding these two together without great grievance to the college. Very deserving persons will wait upon you shortly, not for a dispensation, but for his Majesty's recommendation, lest unworthy persons should obtain mandates elsewhere, to obstruct their preferment and the college's liberty of choice. Mr. Bambrig's place, lawfully void, will be filled by virtue of a letter lately received from your office, and I hope nothing will issue to invalidate that act. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 73.]

June 12. Lyme. Ant. Thorold to Hickes. The *Windsor* has arrived from St. Malo with canvas, and reports that the French fleet is out, and that they talk much at St. Malo of the tonnage being taken off as to the English, and of the new tax upon English manufacture in Normandy. They are making great preparations for building ships, and have 8 of 80 guns apiece upon the stocks at Brest. [*Ibid. No.* 74.]

June 13. Preston. Wm. Wearden to Williamson. I ask your advice as to how the mayor is to act with 2 common councilmen, who have been chosen in the room of 2 others deceased, and are willing to take the oaths,

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but absolutely refuse the subscription directed by the Act. They have both been fined and imprisoned for non-payment, but they still stand out, and give very slighting language. The mayor and common council are resolved to prosecute the business thoroughly, being satisfied that if they cannot compel them to pay their fine for refusing, there will quickly be an end of our corporation, it being both chargeable and troublesome to be of our council. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 75.]

June 13. Deal. Rich. Watts to Williamson. The *Little Victory* sailed westward; 2 Virginia ships have arrived, and 5 more are expected. [*Ibid. No.* 76.]

June 13. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The Spanish Ambassador is still detained by contrary winds. The *Resolution* and 2 others of Sir Thos. Allin's squadron are at Spithead, together with the *Constant Warwick,* and the ships under her convoy for the Straits. [*Ibid. No.* 77.]

June 13. Rice Freeman, purser of the *Hampshire,* to the Navy Commissioners. I desire orders as to the disposal of 80 cwt. of bread remaining on board of my last indent, the ship being gone for Portsmouth, and I remaining in town only to settle with the victualler. [*Ibid. No.* 78.]

June 13. Chatham. John Moore and Edw. Moorcock to the Navy Commissioners. We have transported all our vessels to the Mussle Bank, and shall remove all our crabs there, where the house carpenters, &c., must be employed to place them in the marshes. As it is so far from home, and so much time would be spent in going and returning, we propose to victual and lodge them aboard, and desire directions thereon. [*Ibid. No.* 79.]

June 13. London. Capt. Ant. Deane to the Navy Commissioners. I request you will move the Treasury Commissioners to remove an obstacle existing in the [New] forest between the workmen and the woodward, as it will prove prejudicial to his Majesty's affairs. [*Ibid. No.* 80.] *Enclosing,*

> *Isaac Betts to Capt. Ant. Deane. Capt. Horn has forewarned our men of their chips, for he says his warrant expresses all waste, and until he has another order, we must not expect them. I desire an order thereon, as it will be a great stand to our work, for our men were much dissatisfied before.* [*Ibid. No.* 80I.]

June 14. Chatham. John Robinson, master of the *James* hoy, to the Navy Commissioners. I am ordered to go to Stockwith for timber, but have not delivered the stores taken in at Deptford to the *Golden Hand,* she taking those from the shore first. I desire an order for delivery, and for small materials wanted; also for the upper works of the vessel to be calked. [*Ibid. No.* 81.]

[June 14.] Account of proceedings about striking the flag at sea; that in 1661 or 1662, the Earl of Sandwich had done it to De Ruyter, who struck to him; that Sir John Lawson declared he would strike to none, kept up his flag in Toulouse harbour, and hearing that De Beaufort, Admiral of France in 1662, declared he would make the English strike, Sir Wm. Berkeley who served under Lawson, refused even to fire a gun to him on meeting, until assured that the report was a mistake. When Philip II. came over to marry Queen Mary, the ship in which he sailed was shot at for refusing to strike to an English ship which she met, and the shots coming through the King's cabin, he commanded her to strike, but complained of the captain to the Queen; she not only excused him, but said if he had done otherwise, he should have answered it with his head. The Duke of York stated the rule to be that English ships are everywhere to be saluted first, but not to strike again, only answer with guns; but if a single English ship meets a fleet out of our seas, he is to salute first, but neither are to strike. [2 *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 82.]

[June 14.] Notes of the number of guns fired in salute to English vessels in foreign ports since 1644. [2½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 83.]

[June 14.] Draft of the above [by Williamson.] [2½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 84.]

[June 14.] Rules as to precedence in saluting; that the sea salutes the land, *i.e.*, that the vessel arriving first salutes the fort, except on extraordinary occasions, when Princes or some important foreign embassy arrives. [*Ibid. No.* 85.]

June 14.
Long Gallery, Whitehall.
Report of the Earl of Sandwich and 7 others, that no foreign man-of-war should pass above the forts at Gravesend and Sheerness, in the Thames and Medway, without orders from the Lord Admiral, nor in other harbours, without leave from the Governor. That all foreign ships bearing flags are to salute first, and be answered gun for gun; other ships to have 2 guns less; that the point of flag striking is too important for them to decide on, and must be left to the King; and that all merchant ships must strike to the forts. [*Ibid. No.* 86.]

[June 14.] Queries on which Sir John Griffith desires the Duke of York's orders in writing, with replies thereto. No foreign man-of-war is to be allowed to pass above the forts at Gravesend or Sheerness, or any other harbour, without leave from the Lord Admiral or Governor of the fort; all are to strike the flag as long as they are in sight of the fort, and in case of refusal, they are to be compelled; all merchant ships whatsoever are to strike to the forts. The salutes of foreign flagships are to be answered gun for gun; of other foreign ships with 2 guns less. [*Ibid. Nos.* 87, 87A, 87B, 87C.]

June 14.
Whitehall.
Petition of the burgesses and inhabitants of Llanvilling, co. Montgomery, to the King, for a charter of incorporation by their ancient names, and for leave to enjoy their former rights and privileges, with such other additions as will tend to the preservation of the peace and well government of the town. Llanvilling has been a corporation for 500 years, and was incorporated by the Lords Marchers of the Barony of Powis, and so continued until last year when, through some members having of late years introduced some new customs,

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and abused and disused their franchises and liberties, a *Quo warranto* was issued against petitioners, to which they appeared, and have disclaimed their rights and privileges, hoping that his Majesty notwithstanding would grant them and the Lords of the Barony of Powis a new charter. The town is a great market for beasts, sheep, and horses, &c., and contracts are made, and differences arise thereon, and outrages and affrays happen, which need officers and governors at hand.

With reference thereon to Attorney-General Palmer, and his report that the town has been an ancient corporation, and enjoyed great privileges, and that the Lord of the Barony of Powis for the time being has had dominion there. That a charter of incorporation, with such powers and privileges as are contained in the annexation, is the desire both of the Lord and the town; and that such of them as are new are the same that King James granted to the town of Poole, also belonging to Lord Powis, and are in his Majesty's power to grant.—20 July 1669. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 88.] *Annexing,*

> *Particulars of rights and privileges belonging to Lord Powis within the town of Llanvilling, as Lord of the Barony of Powis.* [*Ibid. No.* 88I.]

June 14. Entry of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 35.]

June 14. Pendennis. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. Three vessels have arrived from Barbadoes with sugars and cotton, and several others have been seen out at sea. The *Endeavour* from France has sailed for New England with wines and salt, and a Virginia ship with tobacco for Holland. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 89.]

June 14. Norwich. Nich. Wood to Williamson. We wonder at not having the [Lottery ?] Commissioners' orders one way or the other; there are sad doings here, and we cannot hope for any better in this town; it lies under a Fleming. The magistrates and better sort of people will not come, and we spend our money to no effect. [*Ibid. No.* 90.]

June 14. Caveat in favour of Sir R. Holmes, that nothing pass of the estate of one Townsend, of the Isle of Wight, [forfeit] for the murder of a certain bailiff. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 32, *p.* 4.]

June 14. H. Sydney to Williamson. I want a pass, the King having given me leave to go to France for 6 months; if I have not a paper to show the Commissaries, I shall not be passed in the musters. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 91.]

June 15. The King to the Duke of Albemarle. We have granted leave to Hen. Sydney, captain of a foot company in Carlisle garrison, to go to France, and stay for 6 months, intending him to receive his pay during his absence. You are to give him a pass and licence of absence, and to order the Commissary-General of musters to pass his pay. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book*, 31, *f.* 25.]

June 15. Pass for H. Sydney. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 149.]

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June 15.
Whitehall.
Warrant for a lease to Sir Thos. Clifford, treasurer of the household, on rent of 5*l.*, of 800 acres of Creslow pastures, part of 1,200 acres which, when the household was provided for by purveyance, were kept for fallowing cattle, but some 250 acres were leased to Edw. Backwell, as the King's shepherd, and the profits of the remainder reserved to the Board of Greencloth. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 24, *p.* 41.]

[June 15.]
Draft of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 91A.]

June 15.
Whitehall.
Warrant to the Ordnance Commissioners to deliver to Jos. West 4 iron demi-culverins, and 8 sackers, with appurtenances, to be transported to Carolina in the West Indies. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 29, *p.* 34.]

June 15.
Warrant to the Treasury Commissioners to order payment of 100*l.* to Dame ——— Leonard, out of the privy seal dormant of 30 Oct. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 148.]

June 15.
Portsmouth.
Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The Spanish Ambassador intends leaving at 11 o'clock, the wind being fair. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 92.]

June 15.
Treasury Chambers.
Sir Geo. Downing to Williamson. The Treasury Commissioners desire an extract of what Sir Wm. Temple has written to Lord Arlington, concerning the fishing up of some tin cast away off Ostend. [*Ibid. No.* 93.]

June 15.
St. Alban's Hall.
Dr. T. Lamplugh to Rob. Francis. Thanks for the quick and clear despatch of my business, and for a box sent down. Let me know what the fees amounted to for passing the seals, and I will send the money speedily. I am preparing for Worcester. [*Ibid. No.* 94.]

June 15.
Dublin.
Thos. Tilson to Rob. Francis. I send a copy of the printer's patent, which cost 14*s.*, and will direct my brother to wait upon you, unless your occasions carry you to his chambers in Paper Buildings, Temple. I intend searching out something worth your notice, and will thank you occasionally to drop me a note into Mr. Gascoigne's packet, who belongs to Sir Geo. Lane. [*Ibid. No.* 95.]

June 15.
Woolwich.
Capt. W. Hannam, master attendant, and John Rudd, boatswain, to the Navy Commissioners. We want an order to the Ordnance Commissioners for what powder or materials we judge fit to be delivered to Mr. Young, master gunner of the *Royal James;* also an order for taking up such vessels as we shall need, and an imprest of 100*l.* for carrying on the works. We intend to fall to work on the north shore, and to enter 30 men on Monday; meantime the materials will be ready for blowing up the wreck of the *Phœnix.* [*Ibid. No.* 96.]

June 15.
Jonas Shish to the Navy Commissioners. I cannot carry on the clamping of the gun deck for want of timber. I know where there are two large pieces convenient, that may be bought for 58*s.* a

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load ready money; if you will send the purveyor, I will direct him where it lies: it will be a great advantage for the work on the *London*. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 97.]

June 16. *Monmouth* yacht, Pembroke. Capt. W. Fasby to Matthew Wren. I desire an order for provisions, having laid out all my money, and being forced to borrow, and I am very badly fitted with sails and everything else. I cannot blame the overseers, as I told them we were to return as soon as we had landed the Lord of Cork. I laid the yacht ashore to clean, and never saw a vessel fouler of barnacles for the time. [*Ibid. No.* 98.]

June 16. London. Sir Rich. Ford to Williamson. Pray let Mr. Gore receive the 10*l.* for Mr. Stratford's charges, as also what my Lord has appointed for his reward. Endorsed, "Mr. Stratford being the express to Hamburg to the Earl of Carlisle, 10*l.* charges, 12*l.* gratification." [*Ibid. No.* 99.]

June 16. Milford. John Powell to Williamson. The *Monmouth* yacht continues in this harbour; no news. [*Ibid. No.* 100.]

June 16. Same to Hickes. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 101.]

June 16. Sir Hen. Yelverton to Williamson. I was much concerned at hearing from my sister [Anne, Lady] Mandeville that my letter to you, thanking you for your great civility in the newspaper, had miscarried; fearing I did not direct my last letter right, I have sent this by my servant, as well as some venison out of my park. I hope the earliness of the year and backwardness of the spring will be an excuse if it is not to your mind, but many think the early venison the best. [*Ibid. No.* 102.]

June 16. Pass for 8 Flanders horses to Ireland; with note by Ma. Anderton, that by virtue thereof, the same were shipped in the name of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, on board the *Mayflower* of Chester, at Chester, on 1 July 1669; and that by virtue of a warrant under sign manual, 40 other horses were shipped at Holyhead in the name of his Excellency, at his going for Ireland. [*Ibid. No.* 103.]

June 16. Warrant for stay, during pleasure, of proceedings in the Court of King's Bench, Westminster, against Rob. Benson, of Shipton, co. York, for misdemeanors in his office as clerk of assizes for Yorkshire, of which he is indicted by Sir Thos. Fanshaw, coroner and attorney in that court. [*Ibid. No.* 104.]

June 16. Entry of the above. With note that Lord Arlington demurred to this, but the Attorney-General spoke to the King, the Lord Keeper was acquainted with it, and so it came to pass. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 149.]

June 16. Warrant for a grant to Sir Jonathan Trelawny, Bart., of 500*l.* a year from the coinage of tin in Cornwall, for 10 years to come, to begin Christmas 1670, on his surrender of his reversionary grant of the coinage and custom duty on tin. [*Ibid.*]

[June 16.] Draft of the above. [2 *pages*. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 105.]

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June 16. Warrant, on information of the Lord Almoner, to John Warburton, messenger, to take into his custody Thos. Warren, a popish priest, and put him on board the *Nutmeg* ketch, bound for Bruges. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 150.]

June 16. Warrant to Sir Edw. Griffin to continue the pay to Thos. Fitz and Henry Brockwell, belonging to the band of violins, their salaries in the establishment of private violins, any order of retrenchment to the contrary notwithstanding, as by their constant attendance, they have little to depend on but their salary, which is but a moiety of what they formerly received, and not sufficient to support them. [*Ibid.*]

June 16. Warrant to the Treasury Commissioners to take notice of the preceding warrant. Minute. [*Ibid. f.* 151.]

[June 17.] Petition of John Lewis to the King, to the same effect as that calendared 5 May, *p.* 311, *supra.* [2¾ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 106.]

June 17. Whitehall. Reference of the above petition to the Treasury Commissioners. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 38.]

June 16. Court at Whitehall. Recommendation to the Treasury Commissioners, in consideration of his father's loyalty and services, of the petition of Thos. Bridges, for the place of King's waiter in the port of London, which may shortly become void, a prosecution being entered against Fras. Ducket, who now holds it. [*Ibid.*]

June 17. Whitehall. Petition of the Aldermen and Stewards of the Bakers' Company for the City of Chester to the King, to augment the liberties of their corporation, so that they may extend to any place within 2 miles of the city, and thereby remedy all abuses and inconveniences suffered by the trade. Were incorporated in the time of Henry VII., and had their rules and orders confirmed by Arthur, then Prince of Wales and Earl of Chester, and several succeeding kings, whereby they were bound to find sufficient bread for all the people that came to Chester, and were to keep and deliver the assize of bread once a week; no persons not belonging to the craft were to sell any bread within the city, but twice a week in the market place. Notwithstanding this, several country bakers have crept into a place within the city, to which the petitioners' liberties do not extend, and make and sell great quantities of bread not of assize, whereby they abuse the people, and disparage the corporation. With reference thereon to Solicitor-General Heneage Finch, and his report that it will be for the good of the City of Chester to confirm the said charter and extend its liberties as desired. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 107.]

June 17. Entry of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 38.]

June 17. Reference to the Treasury Commissioners of the Earl of Ancram's petition, for the tin that shall be recovered at Ostend, &c. [*Ibid. p.* 39.]

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Whitehall.

Warrant for a patent to John Barroe of his invention of a new mode of raising water, and conveying it by pipes of wood, tin, or other metal, without the help of wheel, screw, or outward engine. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 107.]

June 17.
Whitehall.

Warrant for a grant to Sir John Barkman Leyonberg, Resident for the King of Sweden, at his request, and to other followers of the Lutheran confession and their successors residing in London, of Trinity Parish Church, to be used for worship in the German language, with the same privileges as granted to the Dutch and French congregations; the said grant being approved by the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, and by the Archbishop of Canterbury and Bishop of London. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 27, *leaf* 11.]

June 17.
Brynkinilt.

J. Trevor to Rob. Francis. I have been a prisoner 12 weeks with an ague, and have not received any news-letter for six weeks; pray send it by the Salop post, until my departure for London, which will not be long. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 108.]

June 17.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Constant Warwick* has sailed; the Spanish Ambassador left in the *Portland*, but was again driven back by contrary winds. Two ships belonging to Sir Thos. Allin's squadron have arrived at Spithead. [*Ibid. No.* 109.]

June 17.
Portsmouth.

Sir Phil. Honeywood to Williamson. The Spanish Ambassador and his lady embarked on Tuesday, but the wind changing, they were too sick to proceed, and have come back again, intending to go to Plymouth by land. He has sent to London for coaches, and desires he may have horses for his train. [*Ibid. No.* 110.]

June 17.
Deal.

Rich. Watts to Williamson. A great fit of melancholy has possessed the gentry and good subjects, by the news of her Majesty's miscarriage. [*Ibid. No.* 111.]

June 17.
Falmouth.

Thos. Holden to Hickes. The *Adventure* from Barbadoes has arrived with sugars; the islanders are building forts on the sea-coast against any invasion; the *John*, from Croisic, has also arrived with salt. [*Ibid. No.* 112.]

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Same to Williamson. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 113.]

June 17.
Portsmouth.

Edw. Silvester to the Navy Commissioners. The length of the chain already made is 100 fathoms, and the weight 140 tons; the money received is 200*l.* If it is to be completed for the old place, it must be 150 fathoms more, the whole weight whereof will be 35 tons, and it will cost 1,500*l.* I desire 400*l.* in hand to buy stock, 500*l.* more in 10 weeks, and the residue on the finishing of the work, which will be in 18 weeks.

The master of attendance promises to move the hulk into another place, which will be more convenient, and there 150 fathoms shall serve better than 250 where she was to lie; and the weight of this will be 22 tons, which will cost 900*l.* If this be ordered, I shall require 400*l.* in hand, and the remainder when finished, which will be in 10 weeks. I would rather do the former, the money being much more, but am so much a subject that I

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prefer his Majesty and the public before private interest; my having found such slack payments makes me propound the easiest and cheapest way for his Majesty's advantage. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 114.]

June 17.
Downs.
Capt. George Liddell to the Navy Commissioners. I received the cable, and orders from Squire Wren to have the *Roebuck* ready for a voyage to Ireland. I want provisions, having only a week's supply for 40 men. [*Ibid. No.* 115.]

June 17.
The *Hampshire*,
Spithead.
Capt. Rich. Beach to the Navy Commissioners. The ship has been surveyed, and although we have spent a month's proportion of the sea stores, yet our bread-room is full, and some in the cabin and store-room. I am promised a few deals to make a bulkhead abaft the mast in the hold, to secure it, and shall call to the victualler for the remainder of my bread. [*Ibid. No.* 116.]

June 17.
Portsmouth.
Abr. Ansley and Roger Eastwood to the Navy Commissioners. I have been aboard the *Hampshire*, and find rooms which will stow the bread, so that the captain resolves to take it in. There is great neglect in the master for not looking to the stowing of the ship, but they say they took in all that came. [*Ibid. No.* 117.]

June 18.
Chatham.
Jos. Lawrence to the Navy Commissioners. I have repaired to several places in Kent, and set a mark on all Mr. Mason's timber that is fit for the new ship, which amounts to 300 loads; the quality is very good. [*Ibid. No.* 118.]

June 18.
Chatham.
Martin Carslake to the Navy Commissioners. I want an order to come into the Hope with the *Golden Hand*, to get men either from the men-of-war there, or by pressing. The stores from Chatham will be got in by to-morrow, those sent in the *Unity* flyboat from Deptford being taken in, and some small part out of the galliot hoy; but we are told by Capt. Brooks not to take any more from her until further orders. We shall hardly contain all that is in her, and have room for our own provisions. [*Ibid. No.* 119.]

June 18.
Note by J. Sotherne, that his Royal Highness's commission for John Brisband to be Judge Advocate of the Fleet bears date 18 June 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 120.]

June 18.
Plymouth.
Sir Jo. Skelton and James Blackborne to the Navy Commissioners. We send the appraisements and particulars of the sale of naval stores, in the custody of John Lanyon. We judge the masts to be much undervalued, especially the 4 biggest, which were appraised at 130*l.*, while we consider them to be worth at least 400*l.*, one being a thirty palm mast, and cost his Majesty 200*l.*, and the other 3 not much inferior; these are respited from the sale till further orders. We estimate the proceeds of the sale at 1,500*l.*, and have enjoined the purchasers to take the goods away, in order to prevent growing charge. [*Ibid. No.* 121.]

June 18.
Whitehall.
Order in Council that—upon reading the draft of a proclamation for the careful custody and well ordering of the New River, from

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Chadwell and Amwell to the north of London—his Majesty approved thereof, and ordered that it be prepared for his signature, so as to be printed and published, provided the Governor and Company of the New River defrayed the expenses of passing, printing, and dispersing it. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 122.]

June 18. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. I send a letter received from Mr. Holden. Sir Bernard de Gomme, Engineer-General, has come down to see the new citadel finished, and has employed some hundreds of men to carry on the work. [*Ibid. No.* 123.]

June 18. Hull. Charles Whittington to Williamson. Several ships have sailed with lead, cloth, &c., for places named. [*Ibid. No.* 124.]

June 18. Deal. Rich. Watts to Williamson. All the merchant ships have sailed, only the *Roebuck* remains in the Downs; a Lisbon ship is shortly expected. [*Ibid. No.* 125.]

June 18. Preston. Nich. Sudell to Williamson. Thanks for your advice as to the mode of proceedings to be adopted by my brother Roger and John Cottam, in their election to be of the Common Council of Preston; I beg further advice as to the best way for them to proceed, they being willing to accept of their places, and take all oaths, but they are not satisfied about the subscription. I have desired a citizen to attend you about this, so as to procure his Majesty or Lord Arlington's letter to the Corporation, to have them excused, they being persons of peaceable dispositions, and beyond the accusations of their opposers. This has been granted to others in like condition. [*Ibid. No.* 126.]

June 18. Yarmouth. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Thirty colliers have sailed for Sunderland and Newcastle, and others have followed. A ketch has come in from Rotterdam, laden with merchant goods. [*Ibid. No.* 127.]

June 18. Caveats in favour of Mr. Cooke, that no *mandamus* for a Senior Fellow of Queens' College, Cambridge, and no grant of the estate of —— Paul, a Hungarian, late deceased, pass. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 32, *p.* 5.]

June 18. Whitehall. Petition of Thos. Cumber, M.A., to the King, for presentation to the rectory of Stonegrave, co. York, the present incumbent, Gilbert Bennet, having resigned in his behalf, with concurrence of the parishioners. With reference thereon to the Bishop of Oxford, Dean of the King's Chapel, and his report, 26 July, in favour of the petition. Marked "Lord Frescheville." [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 128.]

June 18. Entry of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 39.]

[June 19.] Petition of Thos. Clutterbuck, clerk, to the King, to be admitted to the degree of D.D. at Cambridge, without performance of exercises or other duties. Has been a great sufferer for his loyalty, and is

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not able to undergo the expenses requisite in the ordinary course. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 129.] *Annexing,*

> *Earl of Manchester to Lord Arlington. Having received good testimony from the Bishop of London of Mr. Clutterbuck's learning, I am willing he should have his degree, if your Lordship will move his Majesty for a mandamus.*—18 *June* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 129I.]

> *Certificate by Humphrey, Bishop of London that Thos. Clutterbuck is a person of much merit, religious, prudent, and learned.*—19 *June* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 129II.]

June 19. Tower of London. Wm. Penn [Quaker] to Lord Arlington. As thou art supreme Secretary of State, the person to whom I surrendered, by whose order I was committed, and who took my examination about a note suspected to have fallen from me at Goring House, and as thy candid promises of assistance are strong encouragements, I make no apology for troubling thee with the enclosed, thinking that the honour which will redound to thee, by assisting the helpless, will far exceed any advantage that can succeed to me. Endorsed [by Williamson] "Young Penn, from the Tower, July 1669." [*Ibid. No.* 130.] *Annexing,*

> *W. Penn to Lord Arlington. Were I as criminal as my adversaries have represented me, it might become me to bear my sufferings without resentment of injustice done, and to esteem a vindication of my cause as an aggravation of my guilt; but it is notorious that common fame (a most incompetent accuser) has maliciously belied me, and that I stand not guilty of what my adversaries would fasten on me, namely, the denial of the eternal Deity of Christ and the Holy Spirit.*
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> *If the observation be of any notice that Cornelius Tacitus makes upon the case of Petronius Turpilianus—who, though he deserved the punishment inflicted, yet because it was done without due examination and conviction, suffered wrongfully—then for a greater reason must my confinement be injurious, who have been shut up under a strict and close imprisonment for* 6 *months, without the least formal cause or reason why exhibited against me. The Quakers, of whom I am one, are not remiss in pursuit of just, sober, and industrious courses. I hope I shall not longer continue a prisoner, merely to persuade the world I am not innocent of what I am not guilty. I desire that thou wilt give me a hearing, or that I may be allowed access to the King, to answer all interrogatories; and also be allowed the liberty of the Tower, which it is customary for prisoners to enjoy, after the first or second month of their restraint. With a long vindication of his innocence.* [6 *pages. Ibid. No.* 130I.]

June 19. Information of John Cosiner to Lord Arlington. Being in the company of Rob. Hayes and Roger Edwards, I heard that Wm. Tewson, gunsmith, had reported the Scots to have bought as many

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arms in and about London as would arm 100,000 men, and to have carried them to Scotland. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 131.]

June 19. Copy of the above, slightly altered. [*Ibid. No.* 132.]

June 19. Information of David Ogilvy, late major, now in the Guards, to Lord Arlington. Calling on 6 June at the house of Thos. Birdwhistle, a cutler, in Church Side Alley, nigh to Fetter Lane, a friend of mine offered to buy some swords; but they not agreeing to the price, Birdwhistle said he was indifferent as to parting with them, as he had sold more within a few months than he had done for several years past; and upon being asked to whom, he replied that it was not for tradesmen such as he was to be inquisitive, but that they were taken from him faster than he could make them. Endorsed "Arms bought up by Scotchmen." [*Ibid. No.* 133.]

June 19. Weymouth. John Pocock to Hickes. Several ships stopped by contrary winds have put to sea for Newfoundland. The *Paradise* of London has arrived from Virginia. [*Ibid. No.* 134.]

June 19. Chester Castle. Sir Geoffrey Shakerly to Williamson. Since I took the Conventiclist at Bosley Chapel, I have taken another at Congleton, where were 100 people assembled, and their chief speaker, one Boden, a pitiful, broken butter merchant, has been committed to prison, for refusing to give security to answer his unlawful practices. The way we take to punish these people, and prevent their meetings, is by committing or binding them over to the next sessions, and proceeding against them by indictment for keeping riotous and unlawful assemblies. There is one Ambrose Price, a notorious and dangerous fellow, upon this account, who made his essay both at Bosley and at Congleton, where he resides; and as the mayor and his brethren are very remiss in his apprehension, I shall be forced to issue a warrant, as deputy-lieutenant, to some officer of the militia. [*Ibid. No.* 135.]

June 19. Preston. E. Wall to Williamson. What the men I spoke to you of do is not in opposition to authority, they being men of a peaceable temper, and willing to serve and take the oaths of Common Councilmen, though they are not satisfied as to subscribing. The Common Council here, knowing them to be peaceable, only begins with them, and if they were brought in, would fall on others whom they conceive would not willingly join with them, rather to raise money by fines, than from any desire they have of their company. I could show several reasons to this purpose, but will not be tedious; only they are told that some put upon the like in other places have been excused by a letter from the King or Lord Arlington, and if it could be obtained by your means, it would very much engage you to your friends here, and continue peace amongst us; there are enough willing to take the employment, and therefore there can be no necessity for those. [*Ibid. No.* 136.]

June 19. Bristol. Jo. Fitzherbert to Williamson. Particulars of the arrival of ships from Virginia, Barbadoes, &c. Percy, a Nonconformist from London, having by his zealous craft cheated a rich widow and married her, has set up a congregation in the town, and had upwards of 600 people at Mr. Hollway's last Sunday. [*Ibid. No.* 137.]

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June 19. Chatham. John Brooke and Edw. Homewood to the Navy Commissioners. We are endeavouring to take out the provisions, &c., in the *Golden Hand,* belonging to Sir Edw. Spragg's squadron, but find much difficulty in it. We ask directions therein, and leave to employ the *James* hoy. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 138.]

June 19. Woolwich. Capt. W. Hannam to the Navy Commissioners. The builder has made 3 chests for the work on the wrecks, but I hear nothing from the Tower as to fitting us with powder, &c., which I am now staying for. The *Garland* is ready to sail. [*Ibid. No.* 139.]

June 19. The *Mary,* Spithead. Capt. Rob. Clarke to the Navy Commissioners. The *Dartmouth* arrived here, and having expended 3 weeks' provisions, has but 5 weeks' left; the captain desires she may be in petty warrant during her stay, and have a further supply. [*Ibid. No.* 140.] *Encloses,*

> *Capt. Thos. Darcy to* [*Capt. Clark*]. *I expended sea victuals from* 30 *May to* 18 *June for* 125 *men. We could not take more than* 2 *months' beer, or wet, and request to take in one month's of all sorts of dry provisions, and to be in petty warrant while here.*—Dartmouth *frigate,* 18 *June,* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 140i.]

June 19. Grant to Seabright Repington of 3 markets and 3 fairs at Atherstone, co. Warwick. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 57.]

[June 19.] Warrant for a licence to Eliz. Tollemache, Countess of Dysart, to enclose a way in Petersham, between Kingston and Petersham, through the Court garden, as far as the Thames, another leading from Ham to the river, and a path, on condition of laying out other ways of the same dimensions. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 154.]

Docquet of the above, dated July. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 66.]

[June 19.] Draft of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 141.]

June 19. The King to Sir Thos. Ingram. There has been great waste of woods in Needwood Forest, which is in your jurisdiction as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and several officers and others claim fee trees there. We require you to command Lord Aston, Lord Lieutenant of the said forest, to order the officers to allow no trees to be felled, on any pretence whatsoever, without our special warrant. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, *f.* 25.]

June 20. Warrant to John Sumner, messenger, to apprehend Albertus Otto Faber. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 151.]

June 20. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The wind being fair, the Spanish Ambassador changed his purpose of going by coach to Plymouth, and went by sea. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 141a.]

June 20. Deal. Rich. Watts to Williamson. The *Mary Rose* has passed through the Downs, having many of Lord Howard's servants on board, and all his necessaries for his journey, so as to entertain him at Portsmouth, where he is to embark. [*Ibid. No.* 142.]

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June 21. "Advices received," being notes from letters calendared above, and from the following:—

Amsterdam, $\frac{17}{27}$ June.—The Prince of Tuscany has arrived, on his way to Italy, upon the sickness of his lady.

Warsaw, 8 June.—The Castelain of Poland has proposed that the future King shall conform to their habit; learn their tongue, if not of the country; not marry without consent of the States; admit the Salic law, as in France; not resign his crown. To which the Chancellor added, that no foreign Ambassador should continue long in Poland.

Stockholm, 11 June.—The Tartar Envoy is gone, but Seliendael went not with him, only an officer to treat for the ransom of Swedish prisoners. The Earl of Carlisle is yet *incognito.* He went to-day to the place called the Black Sea, to salute their Majesties.

Copenhagen, 15 June.—The Countess of Carlisle has passed the sound with 9 vessels. Baron de Guldenlew is still in Norway, the ship that was to transport him being damaged.

Hague, $\frac{17}{27}$ June.—The Rheingrave is expected daily. The Queen of Bohemia's creditors petition the States to order Boreel, their Ambassador, to solicit the debt in England. The Spanish Ambassador has acquainted the States with all that passed at Lisle between the Commissioners. Utrecht has consented to the reinforcement of our company, and a general view of the army this year. Capt. Evers complains of ill-usage in the river of Lisbon, on pretence that a Portugal ship had been as ill dealt with in Holland. The States order complaint to be made to the Portugal Ambassador, and information to be taken whether any Portuguese have suffered here. [$1\frac{3}{4}$ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 143.]

June 21. Dover. Jo. Carlile to Williamson. I can sometimes send news, but have been hitherto prevented through illness. I suppose Mr. Lodge is careful to do that as to Deal. Lords Chesterfield and Clifford have arrived, and informed me that the Queen Mother has again recovered. [*Ibid. No.* 144.]

June 21. Chester. Ma. Anderton to Williamson. Darcy Lassells, the notorious highwayman, has been executed. A ship laden with deals, hemp, &c., bound for Dublin, is reported to have foundered off Holyhead, and of 11 men, only 3 escaped. The fanatics are very bold, and have frequent conventicles, and there vent dangerous doctrines, tending to sedition, if not rebellion. Sir Geoffery Shakerly, the Governor, broke up one of their meetings yesterday, and carried the speaker to the castle; so I doubt not but in a short time, we shall suppress these unlawful assemblies, and thus prevent the ill effects of them. [*Ibid. No.* 145.]

June 21. Walter, Lord Aston, to Williamson. Having information that Col. Vernon has cut down 100 oaks in Hanbury Park, in Tutbury Honour, of which I am high steward, and being informed by you that there is an order from his Majesty not to allow any such thing,

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except by his particular desire, I request directions where I may inquire for such order if it is given; if not, I will stop the felling of any more, or the removal of that cut down. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 146.]

June 21. Court at Whitehall. Petition of John Oneby to the King, for the place of seeing to the despatch by post, and the receipt by sheriffs, of proclamations, many abuses occurring by neglect thereof. With reference thereon to the Lord Keeper. [*Ibid. No.* 147.]

June 21. Whitehall. Proclamation for execution of the Act settling the profits of the Post Office on the Duke of York; forbidding the practices of many persons who collect and carry letters, without authority from the Postmaster-General; carriers to carry no letters but such as belong to their goods; ship-masters to carry no letters beyond the first post stage after their arrival in England, except those of merchants and owners; searchers to be appointed to discover and rectify abuses herein, and the Postmaster-General to establish posts on the by-roads, by 29 Sept. next, &c. [*Printed. Proc. Coll., p.* 270.]

June. Draft of the above, noted as read in Council 18 June. [10 *sheets. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 148.]

June 21. Chatham. Ph. Pett and Edw. Homewood to the Navy Commissioners. We find the 12 old furnaces must all have new cocks, covers, &c., which the brazier engages to perform with his own materials and workmanship, in the King's yard, for 84*l.*, which we judge it to be worth. With note that the Board thought the work useful to be done, but not presently, through their want of money. [*Ibid. No.* 149.]

June 21. Chatham. Ph. Pett to the Navy Commissioners. I want tree-nails, and an order to enter 40 shipwrights for carrying on the works of the new ship. Mr. Lawrence has marked out 60 trees of Mr. Mason's which I shall be glad to have for this work, as the last of Clarke's timber at Gravesend sent in proved very bad. It will save much expense and trouble to view it, and refuse it if needful where it lies. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 150.]

June 21. Deptford. Capt. John Tinker to the Navy Commissioners. The *Sweepstakes* will be ready to take in her provisions on Wednesday, and will stow 170 tuns, and the bread and beef rooms 8 more. [*Ibid. No.* 151.]

June 21. Chatham. J. Wilson to Pepys. Mr. Tunbridge and the foreman are returned from marking Sir Humphrey Miller's 80 trees, and the first payment of 200*l.* is to be made at Chatham next Thursday. Let the money be ready, as the timber is not to be equalled for the new ship. Mr. Tunbridge will stand to all abatements for defects in the measurements, provided he may have the advantage of what is found short marked, which is allowed to all contractors. [*Ibid. No.* 152.]

June 21 Portsmouth Dock. Abr. Ansley to the Navy Commissioners. The rigging of the whole of the ships in harbour lies aboard unfitted, and no room in the storehouses for it, as also their cables. I desire that a con-

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venient shed may be erected, and twelve riggers allowed, and that I may have the assistance of the labourers for taking out the cables, &c. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 153.]

June 21. Portsmouth Dock. Same to the Same. Proposals to alter the place for mooring the hulk, with the reasons therefor. [*Ibid. No.* 154.]

June 22. Thos. Lewis to Pepys. I consulted Ben. Gauden about supplying the *Monmouth* yacht at Minehead, but he says that, having no correspondent there, nor any person on the place able to give credit upon so short warning, no present supply can be made there. [*Ibid. No.* 155.]

June 22. Daniel Bowtwell to the Navy Commissioners. I send the names of 14 calkers pressed and warned down to Chatham, in pursuance of two warrants received from you. [*Ibid. No.* 156.]

June 22. Mat. Pengelly, cook of the *Defiance*, to the Navy Commissioners. I have been to Chatham, and shown the clerk of the cheque the order sent, but find I am pricked out of wages, not being aboard the very instant the ship was burnt; although it was the boatswain and gunner's carelessness alone that was the probable loss of the ship, they have both received their wages. Having a wife and 4 children, and having by the accident lost my employment, the want of which is almost my ruin, and being again bound out in the *Sweepstakes*, I beg an order to the clerk of the cheque to take off my suspension, and make out a ticket for my wages. [*Ibid. No.* 157.]

June 22. Languard Point. Major Nath. Darell to Williamson. I have received your letter and his Majesty's orders, and will pay punctual obedience. A great ship, and 2 men-of-war with a galliot hoy, came into the Gunfleet from the northward, and are sailing towards the river with, it is supposed, the Danish Ambassador. [*Ibid. No.* 158.]

June 22. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Rear-Admiral Kempthorne's ship, the *Hampshire*, has come to Spithead, with the ketch appointed, and both attend on Lord Howard in his embassy. Some of his retinue have arrived, "exceeding glorious in apparel." The *Little Victory* and *Dartmouth*, part of Sir Thos. Allin's squadron, are also at Spithead. The Spanish Ambassador having had a good wind since he shipped, he is presumed to be by this time out of the Channel. [*Ibid. No.* 159.]

June 22. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. There have 12 or 14 ships sailed for Newfoundland, Portugal, and the Straits, but none have come in. If the fleet touch here, I will give you notice. [*Ibid. No.* 160.]

June 23. Treasury Chambers, Whitehall. Treasury Commissioners to Lord Arlington. You report a mistake in the date of a privy seal, in a certificate signed by you and Sir Wm. Morice, concerning the allowance to the Countess of Chesterfield, for extraordinary expenses in the Post Office; we reported the matter to his Majesty, who directed that you should rectify the mistake on the certificate. [*Ibid. No.* 161.]

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June 23. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Hickes. Arrival of the *Honor's Adventure* and 2 other ships from Barbadoes, Hamburg, and Amsterdam. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 162.]

June 23. Same to Williamson. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 163.]

June 23. Chester Castle. Sir Geoffery Shakerley to Williamson. Notwithstanding Lassells was executed on Wednesday last, 7 or 8 men coming to the fair were robbed yesterday of seven score pounds, by three highwaymen in the road from Warrington. The thieves got upon Delamere Forest, and evaded the hue and cry. If any further course is taken for suppressing the conventiclers, let me be furnished with an effectual order, and nothing shall be wanting for putting the same into effect. Sir Roger Bradshaigh is staying at the Castle. [*Ibid. No.* 164.]

June 23. Milford. John Powell to Williamson. The *Monmouth* is still waiting for the Earl of Orrery. [*Ibid. No.* 165.]

June 23. Same to Hickes. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 166.]

June 23. Castle Cornet. Col. Sir Jonathan Atkins to Williamson. I have little to say, there is so great a standstill in most parts of Europe. The French fleet, gone into the Mediterranean, report that a great assault was made by the Turk upon Candia, but he was beaten with the loss of 6,000 men, and the other side lost 4,000. [*Ibid. No.* 167.]

June 23. M. Johnson to Williamson. Having been misguided in the recital of a patent concerning the office granted to Sir John Shaw, I desire you to rectify the error, and send the bill for alteration. [*Ibid. No.* 168.]

June 23. Gravesend. Sir J. Griffith to Williamson. I hear the Danish Ambassador is at the Buoy of the Nore, and will be at Gravesend by the next tide. I thank Lord Arlington for his order, as it enables me to know my position, of which I was ignorant before. [*Ibid. No.* 169.]

June 23. Whitehall. Proclamation—on complaint of the Governor of the New River Company, established by King James for bringing the river from Chadwell and Amwell to the north of London—enforcing the strict observance of former orders, forbidding the opening of pipes from the said river without permission, or the defiling it by drains, watering cattle, keeping geese, casting carrion, stopping the current, destroying the branches, &c. [*Printed. Proc. Coll., p.* 271.]

June 23. Lord Keeper Bridgman to Lord Arlington. I have signed a warrant for committal of Barker to the Gatehouse, but wish its execution to be postponed till I have told you some reasons against it. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 170.]

[June 23.] The King to the [Governors of the] Charterhouse. We recommend Edmund, son of John Debenham of St. Clement Danes', to be admitted to a foundation scholarship on the next vacancy. [*Ibid. No.* 171.]

June 23. Entry of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 19, *p.* 106.]

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The King to the Farmers of Customs. Capt. Doughty Wormel, who commanded a fireship in the late war against the Dutch, has lately made a voyage to Amsterdam in the *Elizabeth and Mary* of King's Lynn, and brought home 10 tons of saltpetre for John Cocker, merchant of London, who assured him he had licence therefor; but the licence proving defective, the said vessel was seized. We have pardoned Capt. Wormel our own moiety of the forfeiture of the ship, and order its restoration to him, on his satisfying the officers for their moiety. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 108.]

June 23.
Whitehall.

Warrant for a grant to Rob. Stewart of the first reversion of an auditorship in the Exchequer, after the placing of Rich. Lightfoot, who has a previous reversion. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 172.]

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Minute of the above, dated 26 June. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30 *p.* 153.]

June 23.

The King to the University of Cambridge. We recommend Thos Clutterbuck, for his constant loyalty and great sufferings, to the degree of D.D., he giving caution for performance of the usual exercises. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, *f.* 25.]

June 23.

Caveat in favour of Mr. Towerson, that nothing pass concerning any grant on surrender or otherwise of the office of Customer at Carlisle. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 32, *p.* 4.]

June 23.
Whitehall.

Petition of Edward, Bishop of Carlisle, to the King. During the rebellion, the greater part of Rose Castle, the only residence of this bishopric, was burnt or taken down. The late bishop, now Archbishop of York, had as much money for fines of leases and casualties as might have repaired or rebuilt the castle, but he only fitted up a few rooms that remained, and built some outhouses, leaving the rest, as well as the reparation of the chancels of several churches, a burden to his successors. Has appealed to his Grace to rebuild the house, but as he declines to do it, the only remedy is to sue him by ecclesiastical law; as his Grace is the supreme judge in the court of York, begs his Majesty, as supreme ordinary in all causes ecclesiastical, to appoint a commission to examine into and decide upon the case. With reference thereon to the Lord Keeper of the Great Seal, the Lord Chief Justices and Chief Baron, and their report, 7 July 1669, in favour of the grant of a commission as requested. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 173.]

[June 23.]
[Whitehall.]

Petition of Jane Palmer, widow of John Palmer, bookseller to his late Majesty, to the King, for an order to the Lord Keeper for her relief [by a brief for collections]; her husband printed proclamations, &c., at Oxford, and obstructed the enemy's pamphlets, but lost 900*l.* by burning of his house, &c., at Reading, was taken prisoner at Worcester, and died at Lambeth House. [*Ibid. No.* 174.]

June 23.

Reference of the above petition to the Lord Keeper. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 39.]

[June 23.]
[Whitehall.]

Petition of Broome Whorwood to the King, showing that in 1659, he was ordered by a decree in Chancery to pay his wife 300*l.* a

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year during their separation; that although he filed a bill of error, he was served with process to execute the said decree, when on his petition his Majesty, on 18 Feb. 1664, ordered him to settle the 300*l.* a year on his wife, and pay 1,000*l.* for all arrears; that having done this, he was again prosecuted for expenses on his wife's petition, and a decree given, 12 June 1667, that he should pay all that is still unpaid, on which his opponents advance their bills. Requests a reference, and rehearing of his case, that he may not be further molested. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 175.]

June 23. Whitehall. Reference of the above petition to the Lord Keeper, and Lord Chief Justices, and Chief Baron. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 40.]

[June 23]. Sir John Bennet to Mr. Godolphin. I request you to obtain from my brother [Lord Arlington] despatch for Mr. Darrell's petition, having a particular esteem for him. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 176.]

June 23. Whitehall. Reference to the Lord Keeper of the petition of Marmaduke Darrell, that the examination of a title to the coal farm at Newcastle, between him and Sir Jeremy Whichcott, may be referred to the said Lord Keeper. [*S.P Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 40.]

June 23. Sir Denis Gauden to the Navy Commissioners. Pray appoint a time for finishing my accounts, that they may be fit to present to the Auditors of the Imprest, with those already passed. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 177.]

June 23. Chatham. John Moore and Edw. Moorcock to the Navy Commissioners. We tried to weigh one of the wrecks lying in the Channel at the the Mussle Bank, but have broken one of our cables. They lift very heavy, being full of stiff clay, and settled 7 or 8 feet; the one we are now about had, at low water, 10 feet of water on the top of her forecastle. [*Ibid. No.* 178.]

June 23. The King to the Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge. Chris. Bambrig, B.D., late Fellow of Christ's College, has enjoyed a benefice on the College's presentation, as long as the local statutes would permit. The Master has lately declared it to be void, but Bambrig will not comply, and creates trouble to the Master and Fellows. We wish the matter to be referred to your Chancellor, the Earl of Manchester, according to the statutes, and meantime you are to forbear all proceedings upon the difference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 27, *f.* 148.]

June 24. Chatham. John Brooke and Edw. Homewood to the Navy Commissioners. The *Golden Hand* became so leaky, after taking in her provisions, that she had 6 feet of water in her hold in 36 hours; we have been constrained to lighten her to make her tight. The provisions for Sir Edw. Spragg's division I have directed the master of the hoy to put on board the *Jerusalem*. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 179.]

June 24. Chatham. Edw. Gregory to the Navy Commissioners. The petitioner omits to give the genuine reason of the stoppage of his tickets. He stands checked out of victuals and wages upon all the books, for total neglect of duty, having never given the least attendance to the ship, from the time of her entry into the harbour, to that of her being lost. It is well for him that the Council of War took so little notice of his absence; but if you command me to take off his check, I will make out and deliver his ticket. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 180.] *Encloses,*

> *Petition of Mathew Pengelly, cook of the* Defiance, *to the Navy Commissioners, for an order to the clerks to make out a ticket for his wages; they were stopped, with those of the other officers, until a Council of War should pass upon them touching the loss of the ship, which has now been cleared these* 2 *months, and the gunner and boatswain have had tickets granted them. With order by the Navy Commissioners,* 22 *June* 1669, *to Mr. Gregory, to make out the ticket, and further order,* 26 *June, that Mr. Gregory answering that the petitioner never appeared on board, he is not to expect any further answer.* [*Ibid. No.* 180I.]

June 24. Spithead. Rice Freeman, purser of the *Hampshire,* to the Navy Commissioners. I am at Spithead, ready to sail. I need an additional supply of sea victuals, having expended 22 days of that furnished for a voyage to the Straits. [*Ibid. No.* 181.]

June 24. Bridlington. John Bower to Hickes. A ship of this town picked up a boat with 4 or 5 men belonging to the *Forester,* the convoy to the Iceland fleet, and set them on shore at Whitby. They reported that a Danish pirate had surprised and plundered many ships, and taken possession of a pink belonging to Hamburg, in which the captain of the pirate embarked, she being a better sailer; but the *Forester,* having notice of it, took the pink and sent her to England. The captain, who was put in charge with these men by the *Forester,* to bring her home, forced the men into a boat, to go on board a Holland dogger to buy fresh fish; and as soon as they were put off, directed his course towards Hamburg, leaving them at sea in a boat 5 miles from land. With note by Hickes that the writer has not corresponded of late. [*Ibid. No.* 182.]

June 25. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. Four or five London ships have put in outward bound, 2 French vessels with salt, and 3 or 4 from the Isle of Wight with timber. [*Ibid. No.* 183.]

June 25. Sir Rob. Brooke to [Williamson]. I was earnestly pursued, after your departure, by my priest, Bolton, who had the living of Kirton granted to him under seal in Lord Clarendon's time, but has hitherto neglected his induction; and hearing somebody is about to supplant him, he begs your interest to the Keeper, or his secretary, to prevent it until he can corroborate his title. I beg you to assuage the wrath of Capt. Lloyd, and gain the acceptance of my services to his lady, and your sister. [*Ibid. No.* 184.]

[June 25]. [Jos. Williamson] to J. Barker. What induced you to enter into this negotiation? Did you ever receive any encouragement from Lord Arlington, or any member of his family, to do so, and has it ever been of any advantage to them, or do they even know of its existence? As you kept his lordship's money, have you

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received anything by reason of such a treaty as this? [1¼ *pages. Draft. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 185.]

June 25. Gatehouse. J. Barker to Williamson. My confinement being so grievous, on account of the condition of this place, I beseech your advice as to what is fit for me to do. I shall not presume to petition Lord Arlington for my liberty, until you have consulted with him, and obtained his leave. [*Ibid. No.* 186.]

June 25. Gatehouse. J. Barker to Williamson. Thanks for your regard and charity, directing me how to obtain my release from such a sleepless and sorrowful place. I will present myself, if permitted, on Monday to his Lordship, and acknowledge his candour and mercy to me. [*Ibid. No.* 187.]

June 25. Philadelphia, Lady Wentworth, to Williamson. I beg a presentation from his Majesty, for the corroboration of the title of [Ralph] Davenant, the present parson, to the living of Whitechapel; he is there by virtue of a presentation from the Earl of Cleveland and my lord, who are the rightful patrons. [*See* 28 June *infra. Ibid. No.* 188.]

June 25. Report of Lord Arlington and Secretary Trevor to the King, on the reference made to them of the petition of the Earl of Bristol, as to his right to the 10,000*l.* granted to him from the forfeiture of prohibited goods imported, &c. We find that the amount was granted to the Earl in consideration of several sums due, as certified by Lord Ashley and Sir Wm. Morice, and that the Lord Privy Seal obliged the Earl to give his acquittance for the 10,000*l.* before a Master in Chancery, before he would pass the grant, which he did; nevertheless the grant was suspended, upon a particular displeasure of his Majesty towards the Earl, and the profits of the prohibited goods were applied to the privy purse, though with a promise by the Earl of Falmouth, in his Majesty's name, that the Earl of Bristol should not be frustrated of his grant thereby. That the Earl purchased of Charles I., for a valuable consideration, a pension of 2,000*l.* a year for 21 years, by a rent-charge on the revenue of the Court of Wards, of which 16 or 17 years remained unexpired at the Restoration, for which he expects satisfaction, as well for the grant of the wardship of Lord Brooke, given to him by Charles I. for services rendered. We conceive, in consideration of the eminent quality, sufferings, and services of the Earl, that according to justice, it is incumbent on his Majesty to restore him the means of raising the 10,000*l.* so due, out of the profits of prohibited goods, or any other fund to his Majesty's better liking; and to further recompense him by re-establishing the pension of 2,000*l.* for such time as his Majesty shall think fit, he being in possession of no other mark of favour, and holding no office under the Crown. [2¾ *pages. Ibid. No.* 189.]

June 25. Whitehall. Order in Council, referring to the Committee for Grievances the petition of Laurence Squibb, complaining that by petition of Sir Chas. Wheeler, and complaints of others, he has been brought under displeasure, and praying to be heard therein. [*Ibid. No.* 190.]

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June 25. Grant to Sir Jonathan Trelawny, and his heirs, of 500*l.* a year out of the coinage and custom duty on tin in Cornwall. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 58.]

June 25. Dover. Thos. Dawkes to the Navy Commissioners. I furnished the ships that came in here for repair with timber, &c., and engaged myself for what I had not, and took many poor men from their work to speed the business; they, as well as myself, are out of the money due, and their clamours and cries are daily in my ears. Pray help me to the arrears due to the town, amounting to 460*l.* Thos. White being dead, Wm. Richards, his son-in-law, is in full power to receive what money was due to him on the King's account, and I request, with the other creditors, that he may receive the arrears due to the port, as he has come to London to wait upon you about it. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 261, *No.* 191.]

June 25. Plymouth. Sir John Skelton and Jas. Blackborne to the Navy Commissioners. The cordage is to be bought of any of the ropemakers here for 28*s.* 6*d.* per cwt.; the anchors were sold under their value, but the candle going out, I could not deny the sale, there being more bid than the appraisement; the proprietor will surrender them up at the same price at any time within 3 weeks, and those who bought the masts will do the like. We shall finish the delivery of all sold to-day, and by Tuesday's post you may expect the account. [*Ibid. No.* 192.]

June 25. Sir John Harman to Thos. Hayter. Pray deliver 100 blank tickets to Capt. Poole for the use of the *St. David.* [*Ibid. No.* 193.]

June 26. Spithead. Capt. Rob. Clark to the Navy Commissioners. The [late] Treasurer of the Navy said my money was not stopped in 1667, but suspended until the Earl of Anglesey should bring money into the office. I take the suspension to be as bad as stopping, when I cannot have it paid; I have nothing to say to the Earl, whether he ever brings money or no; the money was ordered by his Majesty in Council, for payment of the ships that came home with Sir Thos. Allin, and all the other commanders and officers have been paid, and mine only suspended. I only desire my own, and beg you will order payment. If you want money, there is enough left here of men run away, and 10 times as much as mine is. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 262, *No.* 1.]

June 26. Portsmouth. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. I took a view of Alice Holt Forest on my way here, but the purveyor being gone, I could not be so well informed as I desired. I found some timber dispersed here and there, but none so bad as what I saw in Woolwich Yard, said to be from this forest; 100 loads remain, which the carters promised to convey to the water side; there are 1,000 serviceable trees yet to be picked out, that may produce as many loads.

Mr. French having arrived, I have given notice, by beat of drum, that the seamen repair on board their respective ships, to receive their moneys, when I shall muster and pay such as appear.

I sounded the place proposed by Capt. Annesley for mooring the hulk, and consider it the best for her riding, and helping to get the

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ships in and out of dock. The laying up of each ship's rigging apart is a very necessary work, but a place is wanted to do it in; the house formerly used for tar may be fitted for 80*l.*, or 260*l.* if well repaired. I fear the summer will be over ere half is performed afloat that ought to be done; I have offered a tide a day to the shipwrights and calkers, for two hours' extra work, which they have accepted; but if they fail in despatching it, I shall reduce them to the old time. [2 *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 262, *No.* 2.]

June 26. R. Waith to the Navy Commissioners. The bill of imprest granted by you to Rich. Dennis, in Aug. 1664, for 135*l.* was paid the same month, and cleared by Mr. Fenn in April 1665. [*Ibid. No.* 3.]

June 26. Engagement by Wm. Harrington, that the *Sea Venture* of London shall sail direct for Danzic, and there load with plank, and return to the Thames, whereupon he will make a tender thereof to the Navy Commissioners, at the market price, and will give them the refusal of it. [*Ibid. No.* 4.]

June 26. Contract of Sir Humphrey Miller, Bart., of Oxenhoath, Kent, to sell to Thos. Tunbridge, carpenter of Chatham, 80 oaks, and to fell, hew, square, and deliver them at Millhall, for 2*l.* 10*s.* per load. [*Ibid. No.* 5.]

June 26. Whitehall. Warrant for a grant to Wm. Legg, of the King's part in the forfeiture of Wm. Walker, indicted in the Court of King's Bench, for receiving 42*s.* as interest for 25*l.* lent to Rebecca Harbey, which being more than 6 per cent., he was forfeited treble the value of the debt. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 26, *f.* 62.]

June 26. Milford. John Powell to Williamson. The *Monmouth* has sailed for Minehead, there to take the Earl of Orrery; the Duchess of Ormond is daily expected from Ireland. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 262, *No.* 6.]

June 26. Same to Hickes to the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 7.]

June 26. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson.] The wind continuing at north-east has prevented ships from coming in, but it having this day changed, I hope soon to give some news. [*Ibid. No.* 8.]

June 26. The King to the Duke of York. Having sent forth a fleet into the Mediterranean, under Sir Thos. Allin, you are to issue to Sir Thomas the following instructions, to be kept secret, that no Algiers ship may suspect his intentions and avoid him.

He is to make himself master of any such, even by force if needful, but to use no further violence, and carry them to Algiers. There he is to signify to the Government that he is sent to demand reparation for injuries done by their men-of-war to English subjects, contrary to the Articles of Peace, and absolutely to insist on the release of the Spaniards taken in the *John* of London, and now captives at Algiers, and to break with Algiers, in case they are not delivered. He is also to demand restitution of their goods or the value thereof but not to break about those; also restitution of goods taken out of any English ship about which he has authentic information, particularly the *Phœnix, William and Benjamin,* and the *Morning Star,* belonging to the East India Company, or of the value of the goods in them; and in case of refusal, to break with them.

He is to demand, but not to insist on, the punishment of the commanders of men-of-war or others who have infringed the peace. In case he be satisfied, he is to proceed to treaty, demand ratification of former treaties, especially as regards prohibition of search in ships which have the Lord Admiral's pass, promising that no ships shall have such passes which carry more foreigners than English. If they insist on English ships not carrying Turks or Mussulman slaves, he is to endeavour to prohibit search of persons on English ships on any pretence, or examining them by torture to extort confession. In case of a peace, he is to restore entire all ships, goods, and persons taken from them, and make fitting presents, either the satisfaction he shall receive from merchants' goods, or of gunpowder; but if not, he is to attack and destroy their ships, within and without the Mole, and in exchange for the prisoners he takes, to obtain as many English slaves at Algiers as he can, and sell the rest to the best advantage for the King's use, as also all ships and goods taken from them, unless the ships might be made useful.

We having agreed with the King of France, to prevent disputes, that there shall be no salutes nor going to leeward of the wind between their respective men-of-war in the Mediterranean, Sir Thomas Allin is to give notice thereof to his commanders of ships.

In case of a rupture with Algiers, he is to send frigates to Tunis and Tripoli, to inform the Governors thereof. but also to promise faithful observance of the peace with them, and to request the same on their part. If on his arrival at Algiers, he finds a favourable wind to do execution to the Algiers ships in the port, he is to perform it at once, before delivery of our letters; and if he takes any renegadoes from the Turks, he is to reserve those that are English for further orders, and dispose of those of other nations to the hands of their respective princes, reclaiming from them all English renegadoes that shall fall into their hands. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, *ff.* 28–30.]

June 28.
Chatham Dock.

Phineas Pett and 3 others to the Navy Commissioners. We caused copies of your instructions to be affixed to the gate, that the porter and others might be the better governed; according to the strictness thereof, he purposes to lay in small beer for our workmen. Judging that would be very prejudicial to the bodies of those coming to it hot and dry, we have persuaded him to continue his middling beer, and hope you will not be offended. We never heard that he sold wine or strong waters, or misbehaved himself; but to prevent any abuse, an open place for the men to drink in is set apart, with charge that none be harboured within doors. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 262, *No.* 9.]

June 28.
Chatham.

Edw. Gregory and 2 others to the Navy Commissioners. We asked the clerk of survey for the survey of the wharf, docks, crane, &c., but he affirms he has no such thing in his custody, nor ever had, and as this was the groundwork of our inquiry, we could do nothing. [*Ibid. No.* 10.]

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June 28. Maidstone. John Mason to the Navy Commissioners. I sent 30 large elm trees to Chatham Dock for the new ship, but the officers refuse to make out a bill until they receive further order, which I desire you to send. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 262, *No.* 11.]

June 28. Chatham Dock. Phineas Pett to the Navy Commissioners. I send a demand for provisions required for carrying on the works of the new ship, &c. I desired Mr. Mason to wait on you about his trees, marked by Mr. Lawrence, and he will do so as soon as he can take out bills for timber already delivered. I spared Capt. Moorcock 120 men to help on the wrecks, besides 80 ropemakers, who desire some allowance for that work, and extra hours. I beg directions, his taking men out of the yard being so vast a charge, and a great hindrance to our works; but Capt. Moorcock cannot avoid it, unless he may be supplied with men from the Ordinary or elsewhere. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 12.]

June [28]. Whitehall. Grant to William, Earl of Craven, of one yearly fair on Whit-Monday, and one weekly market on Tuesday instead of Friday, at Chipping Lamborne, Berks. [*Ibid. No.* 13.]

June 28. Docquet of the above. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 59.]

June 28. Licence for the servants of Mary, Dowager Lady Lexington, to transport 14 horses into France, for her use, and that of her son, Lord Lexington. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 109.]

June 28. Pass for Dan. De la Fabvolière. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 151.]

June 28. Warrant for a pardon to John Sharpe, prisoner in Maidstone Gaol, convicted at the assizes for Kent of the murder of George Whitfield, but reprieved; it now appearing, on certificate of Sir Wm. Morton, Justice of King's Bench, before whom he was tried, that he was not guilty of malice, but fell into crime by being in the company of Brown, *alias* Grainger, who shot Whitfield. [*Ibid.*]

Docquet of the above, dated July. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 66]

June 28. Whitehall. Grant by the King to Sir Rich. Oately and Thos. Tretter, wine cooper of London, of one-fifth of all sums due to the Crown by the collectors, &c., of the Prize Office during the usurpation, and unjustly concealed, on discovery thereof by Rob. Turner; also promise to issue letters of privy seal to make the said grant effectual. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 26, *f.* 63.]

June 28. Whitehall. Reference to the Treasury Commissioners of the petition of Lady Eliz. Dryden, for a warrant for 675*l.* 14*s.* 4½*d.* from the Exchequer, pursuant to a privy seal. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 41.]

June 28. Whitehall. Petition of Ralph Davenant, Incumbent of Whitechapel, to the King, for presentation to the said church, as corroboration of his title, the same having been granted him since the restoration by Thomas, Earl of Cleveland, and Thomas, Lord Wentworth, his son, undoubted patrons. With reference thereon to Walter, Bishop of Oxford, Dean of the chapel, and his report, 3 July 1669, in favour of the petition. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 262, *No.* 14.]

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June 28. Entry of the preceding reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book*, 33, *p.* 42.]

June 28. Court at Whitehall. Petition of Hannah, wife of Sam. Herring, merchant, to the King. Sir Edm. Allen, Bart., who died in 1655, and his lady in 1657, left their only child, Arabella, lands value 2,000*l.* a year, and personal estate 10,000*l.*, also leaving the petitioner, her near kinswoman, and Julian Thompson to take charge of her; but a Col. Thompson, under the Usurper, got possession of her through her maid, and gave her to Wm. Thompson, who took her abroad, and tried to marry her to his boy, though not worth 200*l.* a year. She is kept in restraint, to force her to this unequal marriage, and is in great disquiet. Entreats that she may be secured and cared for by persons of quality, fearing that if ordinary proceedings were taken to recover possession of her, Thompson would again take her out of the kingdom.

With reference thereon to the Lord Chief Justices of the King's Bench and Common Pleas, and their report, that a writ of *Ne exeat regnum* should be directed to the sheriff of the county where Thompson resides, to take security for his not going abroad, and then the case can proceed by common law. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 262, *Nos.* 15, 16.]

June 28. Entry of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 42.]

June 28. Yarmouth. Rich. Bower to Williamson. A merchant from Rotterdam reports that he saw St. John and Desborow, with 5 or 6 more, daily about Major Burton's house there, and that Malbourne, a teacher, told him they expected a call over. A vessel has arrived from Dieppe, and 6 from Norway with raft; 150 sail have passed for Sunderland and Newcastle. I got our bailiffs to send for a woman living against Manley's; it appeared she was one of Mr. Bridge's followers and swore backwards and forwards, but at length owned his discourse of the bishops and of his Majesty. Major Burton's son-in-law, James Puckle of Yarmouth, has been in Holland and returned, and no notice was taken of it until the merchant, who came from Rotterdam, told me he saw and spoke to him there. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 262, *No.* 17.]

June 28. Deal. Rich. Watts to Williamson. Capt. John Day has arrived from Virginia, and reports that 6 weeks hence several ships may be expected from there. Another has come in from Dantzic with a damaged mast. [*Ibid. No.* 18.]

June 28. Whitehall. The King to the Vice-Chancellor and Senate of Cambridge. Hum. Babington, M.A., fellow of Trinity College, has long ago performed all the exercises for his doctor's degree, but he was ejected from his fellowship about the time he should have taken his B.D. degree, for non-compliance with the usurped powers, and he has since been prevented taking it by sickness. We require you, this notwithstanding, to admit him to his degree of D.D., with the seniority that he would have had if he had not been so ejected. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 27, *f.* 149.]

June 29. Dover. Jo. Carlile to Williamson. I hear that the King of Portugal is transported to Tessura and the islands adjacent, where he will have

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the sole command, in lieu of Portugal, and that Sir Rob. Southwell is on his way home. Henry Pory has gone to France, by his Majesty and Sir John Trevor's orders. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 262, *No.* 19.]

June 29. Near Hercules' Pillars, Drury Lane, London. Wm. Palmes to Williamson. I ask your interest on behalf of my neighbour Chekarry in the country; he is persecuted by others with a law suit, in reference to a distress taken against him on a trivial matter, and now they intend to influence Lord Arlington to bring the case before the Privy Council. He is a sober, quiet fellow, oppressed by malignancy. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 20.]

June 29. Plymouth Fort. J. S. [Sir John Skelton, Deputy Governor] to Williamson. Twenty-six English ships have arrived from Gallipoli and the Straits, and report that the Smyrna fleet is on the coast. [*Ibid. No.* 21.]

June 29. Plymouth. John Clarke to Williamson. Twenty odd ships have arrived from the Straits, &c., bound for London. Two from Smyrna, and some of this harbour, left with the fleet off the Start this morning. [*Ibid. No.* 22.]

June 29. Same to Hickes. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 23.]

June 29. Portsmouth. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. Particulars of a tender of goods made by Ben. Newland, merchant of Cowes; they are fit for the yard, and I desire an order as to treating for them. I mustered the *Resolution* and two others at Spithead, and send the numbers. I found many of those from whom money was stopped absent, and some of them made run [*i.e.*, reported as runaways]. The *Dartmouth* and *Little Victory* want sea victuals. If the workmen hold on as they began, they will deserve their allowance. The *Mary Rose* has sailed. [1¼ *pages. Ibid. No.* 24.]

June 29. Plymouth. Sir John Skelton and James Blackborne to the Navy Commissioners. We have used our utmost endeavours to advance the sales, and desire reimbursement for our incidental charges. We will send Lanyon's receipt for the money in a post or two. [*Ibid. No.* 25.] *Enclose,*

> *Particulars and conditions of a sale by auction, of stores lying in the storehouses and other places in Plymouth, on* 17 *June* 1669*; with the signatures of Dan. Perrett and other buyers,* 18 *June* 1669. [6 *pages. Copy. Ibid. No.* 25I.]

June 29. Kinsale. Wm. Penn to the Navy Commissioners. I beg you will pay the balance due for my trouble and expense to Thos. Hayter. I delivered 8 of the best masts, by order of the Lord President of Munster, for a boom for securing the harbour in the time of the war, and also a cable and coil, which have not been returned, and will not be without your special order. The stores remaining are not worth the house rent I have paid for them these two years. [*Ibid. No.* 26.] *Encloses,*

> *Note of remaining stores at Kinsale, in the custody of Wm. Penn.* [*Ibid. No.* 26I.]

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June 29. Mathew Pengelly, cook of the *Defiance*, to the Navy Commissioners. His Royal Highness having granted an order that the suspension upon the cooks in harbour be taken off, and their wages granted them, this has been enjoyed by all the cooks at Woolwich; I beg you will direct the clerk at Chatham to make out my ticket as well, though I was pricked out of wages by Mr. Gregory for non-attendance, as are the cooks at Woolwich. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 262, *No.* 27.]

June 29. Chatham Ropeyard. John Owen to Pepys. I beg leave of absence for 12 days, being afflicted with the stone, and advised to drink Epsom waters. [*Ibid. No.* 28.]

June 29. Rob. Mayors to [the Navy Commissioners]. I surveyed Sir Roger Twysden's timber, being 200 trees, and found it fit, but it should not be felled till Christmas, as the sap is too high; it cannot be carried from the ground this year, for the season will be spent by the time it is felled. [*Ibid. No.* 29.]

June 29. Same to [Pepys]. I desire a warrant to Deptford, for receiving 15 loads of knees from Edw. Hulbert, as Mr. Shish is in want of them. [*Ibid. No.* 30.]

June 30. John Fenn to the Navy Commissioners. I can attest on oath the payment of tickets before Lord Anglesey's suspension, and most of them 8 and 10 months before; had I been conscious of any crime or disturbance in paying them, I should have taken timely care for their delivery, and been able to acquaint you to whom they were paid, both for your satisfaction and my own safety, knowing that I must be responsible for all payments which my place empowers me to make. I hope you will impute it only as neglect my not delivering the papers in time. [*Ibid. No.* 31.]

June 30. Petition of Wm. Coles, merchant, to the King and Council, showing that being deprived of his burghership at Southampton, he retired to Rotterdam, and has traded there 7 years, and now wishes to return; begs leave to do so safely, although not knowing whether he was meant to be included in the proclamation of August 1662, by which Thos. Coles, of Southampton, was ordered to repair to England, on pain of proceedings for contempt of authority. [*Ibid. No.* 32.]

June 30. Presentation of Nich. Trench to the Rectory of Holdenby, co, Northampton, void by death of Rob. Hill. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 19, *f.* 106.]

Docquet of the above, dated July. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 65.]

June 30. Warrant to Prince Rupert, constable of Windsor Castle, to give order for conveying [Wm.] Heveningham, prisoner there, to Tynemouth Castle, there to remain close prisoner. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 152.]

June 30. Blank warrant for his conveyance under safe guard to Tynemouth Castle. [*Ibid.*]

June 30. Warrant to Col. Villiers, governor, to keep the said Heveningham close prisoner in Tynemouth Castle, during pleasure. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 152.]

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June 30. Whitehall. Warrant for a licence to Sir Wm. Juxon, Bart., to enclose 500 acres of land at Seasoncot, co. Gloucester, and a common leading from Blockley, co. Worcester, to Burton on the Hill, co. Gloucester, provided he lay out another road in his own ground for passengers. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 262, *No.* 33.]

June 30. Entry of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 152.]

Docquet of the above, dated July. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 65.]

June 30. Licence to Rob. Calcott to come over from Tangiers. [*Ibid. f.* 153.]

June 30. Reference to the Lord Keeper of the petition of Brome Whorwood, that a stop may be put to all proceedings in the affair between him and his wife, till the judges report. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 43.]

June 30. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Hickes. The *Truelove* of London, which has lately been built without any pitch or tar, has come in. Capt. Jennifer, her commander, has well tried her in the sea, and reports that she is as staunch and free from leaks as any ship in London, and that the worms of the West Indies, which injure so many vessels, will do her no hurt.

The *Inquiry* smack has also arrived, having orders from the farmers of customs to coast up and down, so as to meet the East Indiamen, and secure the duties. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 262, *No.* 34.]

June 30. Same to Williamson, to the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 35.]

June 30. Milford. John Powell to Williamson. No news of any kind [*Ibid. No.* 36.]

June 30. Same to Hickes, to the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 37.]

June. Whitehall. Pass for 4 horses into France for the use of John (*sic*), Earl of Ailesbury. [*Ibid. No.* 38.]

[June.] Pass for Jane, Lady Gerard, Baroness of Gerard's Bromley, to go into France for her health, with 10 servants and 10 horses. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 109.]

June. Warrant to pay to Wm. Ashburnham, cofferer of the household, 20,000*l.* on account; 10,000*l.* to make up the allowance for the household from 90,000*l.* to 100,000*l.*, and 10,000*l.* for interest on sums borrowed for the household. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 60.]

June? Request for a place in the Charterhouse for Hen. Thompson, groom of the privy chamber, whose father was yeoman of the robes to King James and the Queen Mother, and in whose behalf Capt. Titus has spoken. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 262, *No.* 39.]

June? Memorandum that there is a letter from the Queen Mother to the governors of the Charterhouse, to admit Henry, son of Rob. Thompson, late yeoman of her robes; also request that "my lord" would call for the letter to-morrow, when they sit, and have him admitted. Endorsed with a reference of a petition of ——— Chambre to the Lord Privy Seal [Robartes], Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and to the Duke of Ormond. [*Ibid. No.* 40.]

June. Account by John Mathew, Clerk of the Privy Seal, of all fees received from June 1664 to June 1669; total 169*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.* [*Ibid. No.* 41.]

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June ? Note of the case between Stanney and Janes, the former having borrowed 50*l.* of the latter, on security of a resignation to him of his place of gentleman usher, which cost him 500*l.*, in case of non-payment; part of the money being unpaid, the defendant took advantage of the resignation, and was privately sworn in to the place. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 262, *No.* 42.]

June. "Philoasileos" to Lord Arlington. You will understand, as a great minister of state, that the scope of the paper enclosed will be for his Majesty's service. Endorsed, "Information, Earl Carlingford." [*Ibid. No.* 43.]

June ? Proposal by John Payne to Lord Arlington, to counteract the ill management of Capt. Langley in the packets between England and Holland, by setting up good boats, with extraordinary accommodation for passengers, by which Langley will lose his custom, and finding nothing to countervail his charges, must soon fall; otherwise complaints will increase, and the [post] offices, both in England and Holland, will suffer. [*Ibid. No.* 44.]

June.
Deal. Lists sent by Morgan Lodge to Williamson, of King's and merchant ships in the Downs, the state of the wind, time of the arrival and departure of mails, &c.:—

Vol. 262. No.	Date.	King's.	Merchants'.	Wind.	Mails.		REMARKS.
					Arrival.	Departure.	
45	June 1	1	3	S.E.	—	6 p.m.	
46	" 2	2	8	S.W.	—	6 p.m.	
47	" 3	3	7	S.S.W.	—	8 p.m.	
48	" 4	3	6	S.W.	—	—	
49	" 5	4	8	S.W.	—	5 p.m.	
50	" 7	3	—	N.N.W.	—	4 p.m.	
51	" 8	3	1	S.W.	—	6 p.m.	
52	" 9	4	3	S.S.W.	—	—	
53	" 10	3	3	W.S.W.	—	5 p.m.	
54	" 11	4	7	S.W.	—	—	
55	" 12	4	9	W.S.W.	—	4 p.m.	
56	" 13	1	10	W. by N.	—	5 p.m.	A Frenchman of 30 tons, laden with coals, ran aground on the Goodwin, the men saving themselves in their boats.
57	" 14	2	14	W.	—	—	
58	" 15	1	8	E.	—	4 p.m.	
59	" 16	1	7	S.W.	—	5 p.m.	
60	" 17	1	4	N.W.	—	—	
61	" 18	1	1	E.	—	5 p.m.	
62	" 19	3	—	E.N.E.	—	5 p.m.	
63	" 20	1	—	N.E.	—	5 p.m.	
64	" 21	1	2	N.E.	—	4 p.m.	
65	" 23	1	3	S.E.	—	—	
66	" 24	1	1	N.E.	—	4 p.m.	
67	" 25	1	1	N.E.	—	—	
68	" 26	1	1	S.S.E.	—	5 p.m.	
69	" 27	1	1	S.S.E.	—	—	
70	" 28	1	6	E.	—	4 p.m.	
71	" 29	1	1	E.	—	—	
72	" 30	1	—	N.E.	—	4 p.m.	

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Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The fleet is riding at Spithead, waiting sailing orders; Sir Thos. Allin has joined it. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 262, *No.* 74.]

July 1.
Portsmouth.

St. J. Steventon to the Navy Commissioners. The boatswain of the *Princess* says he knows not the time of the entry and discharge of the sailmaker, but is sure he was with them at sea, between the times of his certificate, and was checked his time while in harbour. He is coming to London on business, and will wait on you. [*Ibid. No.* 75.]

July 1.
St. David,
The Hope.

Sir John Harman to Mathew Wren. Pray move the Duke for an allowance to my son-in-law, Jos. Hynde, who has served as clerk of the cheque at Deptford since his Majesty's restoration. He petitioned the Board for an allowance as is at Chatham, being 2*s.* 1*d.* a day, of which he has hitherto received but half; the Board granted it, but would have the Duke first moved in it. A muster master's place is vacant at Gravesend; Commissioner Pepys can satisfy you of his great ability in the performance of such an employ, if you would move the Duke for a warrant. [*Ibid. No.* 76.]

July 1.
Victualling
Office.

Sir Denis Gauden to the Navy Commissioners. Pray assign me a day for finishing the accounts depending, or I fear they will not be ended for a long time. [*Ibid. No.* 77.]

July 1.
Chatham Dock.

Phineas Pett to [the Navy Commissioners]. I send an account of the number of workmen, 57 in all, wanted for carrying on the works of the wharves, docks, cranes, and storehouses, according to an order lately received from you, and 20 shipwrights for the new ship. [*Ibid. No.* 78.]

July 1.
Chatham.

Same to the Same. I send a demand of things required for the repair of the docks, wharves, cranes, and storehouses. The *Marmaduke* wreck may be of use for carrying on of those works, and I desire she may be brought up to the new dock, to be broken up for that purpose. I send a list of calkers pressed by Mr. Boultwell, the master calker, that some course may be taken for their coming down, they having not yet appeared. Wm. Denton, a calker living in Jacob Street, St. Saviour's dock, knows where to find them. Mr. Lewsley has 6,000 broom at the water side, which you may have at a reasonable price; it will be useful in the burning of planks for the new ship, &c., there being none in store. I entered 40 shipwrights on the new ship, and want 20 more on other works. Let me have warrants for entering more men. [1⅓ *pages. Ibid. No.* 79.]

July 1.
Portsmouth.

Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. I have not paid the seamen their stopped money, but intend to pay those that appear to-morrow. Capt. Ketcher with the hoy arrived from Deptford. I expected a quantity of spruce deals, which are very much wanted. I am going to send up a demand for materials required to carry on the works. [*Ibid. No.* 80.]

July 2.
Treasury
Chambers,
Whitehall.

Sir George Downing to Sir Denis Gauden and Sam. Pepys. Their lordships having read Mr. Pepys' letter, about provisions delivered to several garrisons by Sir Denis Gauden, desire to speak with you both on Wednesday at 9 a.m. [*Ibid. No.* 81.]

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July 2. Chatham. John Moore and Capt. Edw. Moorcock to the Navy Commissioners. It will increase our trouble to take account of the actions of men at such a time, so that each may receive the true value of his labour, but we will do what we can to give content to the workmen taken from the yard. If it is intended to pay them at the finishing of each spring[tide], we must have money forthwith, as there is not sufficient left of the 500*l.* ordered in May last. We cannot estimate lower than 150*l.* a month, or 2*s.* 6*d.* each man a day, one with another. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 262, *No.* 82.]

July 2. Jonas Shish to Sir John Mennes. My son Thomas has been to Hendon, Sussex (*sic*), and viewed the 9 trees standing; he says there will be 7 good beams of 40 feet long, and proffered the gentleman 5*l.* a tree. They are well worth the money, but I will not go higher without your consent. [*Ibid. No.* 83.]

July 2. Covent Garden. Sir Edw. Spragg to the Navy Commissioners. The master of the *Revenge,* being ill and not able to take the voyage, desires to be discharged. I recommend Mr. Swanley, his chief mate, to take his place. [*Ibid. No.* 84.]

July 2. Warrant [to the Ordnance Commissioners] to deliver 20 barrels of gunpowder to such person as the Duke of York shall appoint, for the defence of New York. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 153.]

July 2. Whitehall. Petition of Roger L'Estrange, Surveyor of the Press, to the King, to be allowed to submit to Lord Arlington an account of a method devised by him, for suppressing seditious and scandalous books and libels, and for the better government of the press, without further charge. With reference thereon to the Attorney and Solicitor General, who are to hear the petitioner, to consider what can be done to remedy the great mischiefs which the government suffers by the licentiousness of the press, and to report their opinion to his Majesty. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 262, *No.* 85.]

July 2. Entry of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 44.]

July 2. Petition of Thos. Covell to the King, for examination into the accusations made against him by Wm. Samuel, who has the ordering of the workmen at Newmarket, and accuses him falsely of providing bad bricks, sending in timber slowly, and not paying the workpeople engaged on his Majesty's building there. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 262, *No.* 86.]

July 2. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. I send a letter received from Falmouth. Admiral Kempthorne has arrived with Lord Howard, the Ambassador's retinue, in the *Mary Rose,* and his lordship is expected by land. The Straits fleet are still in port, waiting a fair wind. [*Ibid. No.* 87.]

July 2. Reference to the Treasury Commissioners of the petition of Henry and John Seymour, for the surrender of their patent. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 43.]

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July 2. Reference of the petition of John Bill and Chris. Barker, for the King's moiety of all foreign Bibles seized, to the Treasury Commissioners, who are to consider how to prevent this mischief of importing foreign Bibles, and how to gratify the petitioners' loyalty and sufferings. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 43.]

July 2. Deal. Rich. Watts to Williamson. His Majesty's ships, the *Foresight* and *Portsmouth*, have arrived in the Downs; the former bound for Lisbon, and the latter for Portsmouth. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 262, *No.* 88.]

July 2. Kinsale. Thos. Burrowes to Henry Ball, Letter Office, London. The *Lion* of Bristol and the *Henry* have come in, laden with sack and salt for Bristol, and another with deals for London; 9 other ships came out with the former, but they lost them at sea. [*Ibid. No.* 89.]

July 3. Remiremont, Lorraine. Mrs. J. Crane to [Rob.] Francis, Whitehall. I can never thank you enough for your many favours. I have written many things to my sister, and beg your influence with her, by means of which I am assured that I shall have all that I demand. [3 *pages. Ibid. No.* 90.]

July 3. Chester Castle. Sir Geoffery Shakerley to Williamson. Pray deliver the enclosed to Lord Arlington, and get me a speedy answer. When I apprehended Garside, his auditors offered resistance, but he said he would go with me. He hoped he should be used the better for not resisting, alleging that if he had but said the word, he would not have been taken; by this you will see the influence those people have on their proselytes, who want but their bidding to fight. How am I to proceed against the preachers, by indictment or otherwise? Sir Roger Bradshaigh is here. [*Ibid. No.* 91.]

July 3. Milford. John Powell to Williamson. The harbour being destitute of shipping, I have no news. [*Ibid. No.* 92.]

July 3. Same to Hickes. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 93.]

July 3. Lyme. Ant. Thorold to Hickes. The *Merchants' Adventure* and the *Jane* have arrived from Morlaix, and report the French to be still building great ships, and making preparations for a considerable strength at sea. They came out with Capt. Bowden and 3 other ships, bound for Bristol and Exeter. [*Ibid. No.* 94.]

July 3. Capt. John Tinker and J. Uthwat to the Navy Commissioners. Particulars of the size and quality of cables and hawsers belonging to the *Welcome*. [*Ibid. No.* 95.]

July 3. Certificate by the Masters of Trinity House, that Rich. Swanley of Redrith, Surrey, is fit for a master's place in the *Revenge*, bound for the Straits. [*Ibid. No.* 96.]

July 3. Portsmouth. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. I have considered the works in hand, and the emptiness of the stores, and send an account of things required. I entreat directions what to do relating to goods tendered by Mr. Newland. I paid the men their stopped money, and send a list of 137 missing, whose money amounts to 820*l.*; also of the number of men mustered on board the *Resolution* and 5 others.

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Sir Thos. Allin has come down and gone aboard; I presume the men who are not gone far, and have any will to return, will soon repair on board. I gave directions to the victualler's agent for the month's victuals spent, and their continuance in petty warrant till further order. The fir timber came seasonably, and much of it is wrought out; I expect some from Mr. Coles from Shoreham. Let the deals and wainscotes be sent from London. There are 50 loads of elm to be had here, at 36s. per load. [1½ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 262, *No.* 97.]

July 4. *Centurion,* Downs. Capt. Peter Bowen to Pepys. I crave a ticket for Henry Browne, for the time he served in the *Henrietta* yacht belonging to Capt. Crowe; he is now in the *Centurion.* [*Ibid. No.* 98.] *Encloses,*

> *Certificate by Capt. Thos. Crowe of the discharge of Henry Browne from the* Henrietta *yacht.*—14 *May* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 98I.]

July 4. The Nore. Sir Edw. Spragg to the Navy Commissioners. I found the *Golden Hand,* brought out by my men, and taking in goods and stores, very leaky. I sent my carpenters and 20 seamen to unstow her goods, and stop her leaks if possible. There is great neglect in either the carpenters or calkers at Chatham, but if I can make her swim, I will take her with me. Pray despatch down a master, and an account of the stores allotted for my division. [*Ibid. No.* 99.]

July 4. Whitehall. Petition of Thos. Bennett to the King, for letters to the Court at the Old Bailey, to be discharged. Was tried in December 1668, for the murder of Thos. Janes, and acquitted, but was bound over to appear again in December. Having to go to Ireland with the Lord Lieutenant, cannot return in December without breach of duty. With reference thereon to Lord Chief Justice Kelynge, and his report, 7 July. The petitioner was indicted as stated, and the evidence being pregnant against him, he was bound to good behaviour for a year, which will not expire until December next; I cannot therefore discharge him but by your Majesty's command. [*Ibid. No.* 100.]

Entry of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 44.]

July 4. Sir John Robinson to Williamson. Understanding from the Ordnance Commissioners that a warrant is being drawn up, to indemnify them for what I have suffered them to do, respecting the bulwark of the Tower and other matters, I beg to see it before it is laid before his Majesty to sign, so that no difference may rise between us. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 262, *No.* 101.]

July 4. Portsmouth. Charles Collier, for Capt. Hugh Salesbury, to Williamson. Sir Thos. Allin arrived last night, but immediately went on board the *Resolution,* and joined 5 other ships named, being part of his squadron. [*Ibid. No.* 102.]

July 4. Deal. Rich. Watts to Williamson. Sir John Harman came into the Downs last night, with his flag in the mizen top, so that there are now 6 King's ships lying here, and 14 merchant ships. Several small vessels have gone to meet the East Indiamen homeward

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bound. There is a report from Holland that the French and Dutch are like to break. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 262, *No.* 103.]

July 5. Deal. Rich. Watts to Williamson. Sir John Harman and his fleet have sailed westward, taking fresh men out of all the ships. [*Ibid. No.* 104.]

July 5. Hull. Charles Whittington to Williamson. The *Supply* of Hull has arrived from Virginia with tobacco; 4 vessels from Norway with deals; 1 from Rotterdam, and 3 from Sweden with iron, pitch, &c.; and the *Josias Huit* of this town has sailed for Holland, with lead and cloth, and also some Dantzic rye, all the merchant importers of the rye having given security to transport it over seas.

There are still a multitude of disaffected persons in these parts. A meeting, gathered to hear the address of an illiterate Scotchman, was suppressed by Capt. Carteret, "at present Governor of this Garrison," and several of them prosecuted, which has much ashamed some; but they show that rebellion is not yet rooted out of them, and they would be glad to embrace an opportunity fitting their purpose. [*Ibid. No.* 105.]

July 5. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Hickes. The *Unity* and 5 other ships have arrived. One of the passengers of the *Truelove* frigate having been confined, she has baptised the child by the ship's name. [*Ibid. No.* 106.]

July 5. Chester Castle. Sir Geoffery Shakerley to Williamson. Pray deliver to Lord Arlington a letter enclosed, advising him of the assemblage of great numbers of sectarians, notwithstanding all endeavours used to the contrary; hasten the instructions how to proceed against them. [*Ibid. No.* 107.]

July 5. Warrant to the Attorney-General to enter a *Noli Prosequi* in behalf of Dan. Trippier, merchant, and Peter Flower, both accused of taking, contrary to statute, 5*l.* from John Arnold, for forbearance of moneys lent to him by them. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 110.]

July 5. Warrant for a grant of confirmation of charter to the bakers of Chester, extending the privileges of the corporation to all places within 2 miles of the city, as several country bakers have been selling quantities of ill-made bread. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 153.]

July 5. The *Mary*. Capt. Rob. Clark to the Navy Commissioners. I am sorry you so far exceed reason with your severe checks, which I never deserved. It is like Hollafax [Halifax] law to hang a man first and condemn him afterwards. You task me for what I never did, nor any belonging to me, nor has my boat acted so unhandsomely as you question him for. I can give an account of whatever I have done, and should abhor the violating of his Royal Highness's instructions.

I have as much love amongst the seamen as any that can task me, and never wanted men, but have lived in repute amongst them; it is not the fault of commanders that there is not more love, but because the men have received abuse from the Ticket Office, in waiting so long for their money, and their tickets being bought at a low price. Had I been in the river, I should have had as many men as those you so highly extol; if you had dealt civilly with me, and first heard both parties, you had done well; but I desire not to receive such lines as you have sent. I know not what you are ashamed at, but I am not ashamed with what you task me. I find that only one man was pressed out of the vessel mentioned by the *Bristol's* boat, and if we must not press when in want, I know not what to say to it, as men are not so free to enter themselves without pressing. I want 60 men, and do not find any appearing of those you sent to the ships. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 262, *No.* 108.]

July 5. Treasury Chambers, Whitehall. Sir George Downing to the Navy Commissioners. The Treasury Commissioners desire you will meet at Sir Robert Long's house tomorrow, at 3 p.m., to settle Mrs. Pley's business. [*Ibid. No.* 109.]

July 5. Ordnance Office. Fras. Nicholls and Edw. Sherburne to the Navy Commissioners. The powder and other materials for blowing up the wrecks at Woolwich are sent there, and lodged in the custody of Paul Linby, our agent, ready to be issued to Mr. Young, gunner of the *Royal James*. We never had any order for the chests mentioned in Sir Jeremiah Smith's letter, and therefore made no provision thereof. [*Ibid. No.* 110.]

July 5. Chatham Dock. Ph. Pett to the Navy Commissioners. I shall treat with Mr. Lewsley for his broom; that bought at 30*s.* per 1,000 was worth the money, but was not any extraordinary pennyworth, considering its smallness.

There was only one man amongst the 40 shipwrights lately entered, of those who were so lately mutinous for their money, after being discharged, and who by their disorder got their pay. I never received any order to forbid their entrance, but have nevertheless discharged him. I am sorry you should lay anything to my charge of acting contrary to my duty and your directions, and beg you will have a better opinion of me. [1¼ *pages. Ibid. No.* 111.]

July 6. Portsmouth. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. I went over to see Mr. Newland's goods lately tendered, and if you do not like his price, he will be content to deliver them into the stores free of charge, at the prices current in London, whereby the King will save no small matter in transportation. Thos. Carter, mason of the yard, died on Saturday night; I send the names of 3 persons desiring the employment. [*Ibid. No.* 112.] *Encloses,*

> *Certificate by St. J. Steventon and* 4 *others, that Roger Carter, bricklayer, has served his Majesty for several years on works aboard and ashore, being his father's foreman, and is qualified to execute the duties of his office.—Portsmouth,* 6 *July* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 112I.]
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> *Account by Commissioner J. Tippetts of goods tendered for* 713*l.* 5*s.*, *ready money, by Ben. Newland, of East Cowes, Isle of Wight, and seen and approved of as fit for the service.* [*Ibid. No.* 112II.]

July 6. Stockwith. John Russell to the Navy Commissioners. I have been up the river as far as Carlton and Dunham, which is within 8 miles of the

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forest, and can find no place so fit for shipping timber as Stockwith. I sent 80 loads to Hull, and desire a ship may be sent for it, as I can send it down faster than she can take it in. I loaded the *Black Dog*, which is also gone to Hull, and the *Adam and Eve* will be loaded this week. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 262, *No.* 113.]

July 6. Woolwich. Edw. Byland to the Navy Commissioners. Mr. Kirk has 6 loads of timber at Woolwich, which may be had at an easy rate if you will contract for it. I desire the assistance of the house carpenters at Deptford and Woolwich, to fit our crane again. [*Ibid. No.* 114.]

July 6. Opinion of the Judges on the statutes in force against conventicles, in pursuance of an order from the Lords of the Privy Council of 30 June 1669. (1) All assemblies that disturb the peace are punishable by common law; (2) the statutes of 13 Eliz. and 14 Car. II. against those who come to conventicles, and refuse to come to church, are in force; (3) the full execution of the laws of 1 and 23 Eliz., 3 Jas., and 17 Car. II. would conduce very much to the suppressing of all conventicles. [*Ibid. No.* 115.]

July 6. And. Newport to Williamson. Lord Arlington commands you to prepare a letter of liberty for Col. Norwood to return to England, on the arrival of Lord Middleton at Tangiers; otherwise the opportunity of sending it by the fleet will be lost. [*Ibid. No.* 116.]

July 6. Treasury Chambers. Sir Geo. Downing to Williamson. Secretary Trevor, having consented that his fee as Secretary of State, as well as his office, shall be made during pleasure, I am commanded by the Treasury Commissioners to apprise you thereof, and enclose the bill, to be altered in his Majesty's presence. [*Ibid. No.* 117.]

July 6. Plymouth. Jno. Clarke to Hickes. Lord Ambassador Howard has not yet arrived. The Straits fleet has sailed, and no ships have come in since. Excuse my not writing to Mr. Williamson, on account of illness. [*Ibid. No.* 118.]

July 6. *Resolution*, Spithead. Sir Thos. Allin to Williamson. I arrived at Spithead on Saturday night, and have lain there since, expecting the river fleet, but shall sail in a couple of days, in prosecution of my instructions. I hope to advise you from Cadiz of something that will please all. Pray let me have the news sent. The *Mary* and 3 others, with the *Little Victory* fireship, are with the *Resolution*. I enclose a letter for Mr. Chiffens [Chiffinch?]. [*Ibid. No.* 119.]

July 6. Instructions by the Duke of York to Sir Thos. Allin on going into the Mediterranean. That to prevent any disturbance, it is agreed with the French King that the ships of war of either nation, meeting in the Mediterranean, shall not salute each other, nor be expected to go to leeward. [1¼ *pages. Ibid. No.* 120.]

July 6. Copy of the above. [*Ibid. No.* 121.]

July 6. Dover. Jo. Carlile to Williamson. The Earl of Winchelsea, with a French gentleman, and his 10 servants, has arrived from Calais, and is on his way to London. A Dover vessel has been taken by a Sally man-of-war. Not hearing from you, I fear I am out of your favour. [*Ibid. No.* 122.]

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July 6. Certificate by G. Porter. Sir Chas. Lucas was not only lieut.-general of the horse to the Duke of Newcastle, but general for 4 counties, and [Lodowick] Bray served well as scoutmaster-general under him and me. I wonder that the son of so honest and noble a father should be put to so much trouble in his share of the lottery. His labours and hazard have been "equal to any apposeant." [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 262, *No.* 123. *See Calendar* 1667–8, *p.* 588.]

July 7. Lyme. Anth. Thorold to Hickes. The *Sarah* of Lyme has arrived from Morlaix. Sir John Drake, Bart., colonel of a regiment of foot, died yesterday at his house at Trill, 2 miles from here. Several vessels are in port, bound for Virginia, the Canaries, &c. [*Ibid. No.* 124.]

July 7. Milford. Jno. Powell to Williamson. The Duchess of Ormond, with her retinue, has arrived from Dublin in the pleasure boat commanded by Capt. Shorlin [Sharland], and intends for London. [*Ibid. No.* 125.]

July 7. Same to Hickes to the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 126.]

July 7. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Williamson. The *Unity* and another have put to sea, and the *Truelove* and *Speedwell* are about doing so. [*Ibid. No.* 127.]

July 7. Same to Hickes. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 128.]

July 7. Yarmouth. A. B[ower] to Williamson. Particulars of the arrival of ships. No other person has died, or been sick of the plague, since my last. Manley not being able to ride, has sailed for London. [*Ibid. No.* 129.]

July 7. Dr. Guy Carleton to Williamson. I request for John Richison the place of beadsman at Carlisle, void by death of Wm. Green. The Navy Office having sent no list lately, probably there are none of our countrymen now capable. [*Ibid. No.* 130.]

July 7. Memorandum that Wm. Jones, ruined by faithful service to the late King, had a warrant for the reversion of a pensioner's place in Sutton's Hospital. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 110.]

July 7. Corroboration of presentation of Ralph Davenant to the parish church of St. Mary Matfellon, *alias* Whitechapel, London. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 19, *p.* 107.]

July [7]. Docquets of the above. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *Nos.* 61, 68.]

July 7. The King to Lord Chief Justice Bridgeman. Lady Susan Croke, daughter of Sir Peter Vanlore, jun., grandchild of Sir Peter Vanlore, sen., and Dame Jacoba his wife, and niece of Lady Powell, has petitioned against a decree granting to John Fletcher, a stranger in blood, the administrations of Sir Peter Vanlore, sen., Dame Jacoba, and Lady Powell, to which she, as one of the next of kin, has a claim. You are to issue a commission of review, to such judges and doctors of law as you think fit, to review the said sentence. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *p.* 109.]

July 7. Pass for the Earl of St. Alban's, with his train and 30 horses, to France. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 153.]

July 7. Whitehall. Order on the petition of Capt. Lawrence Van Heemskirk, for a reward pursuant to a contract made with his Majesty for building the

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Nonsuch frigate, which has cost 600*l.*; allowing him a pension of 200*l.* a year for life, and ordering the Treasury Commissioners to see it fixed where the payment may be with the least trouble. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 45.]

July 7. Whitehall. Reference to the Treasury Commissioners of the petition of Thos. Addison, for the searcher's place at Carlisle, resigned to him, by ——— Busby. [*Ibid.*]

July 7. Whitehall. Reference to the Treasury Commissioners of the petition of Peter Watson, for payment of 490*l.* arrears due to him as Gentleman Usher, from June 1660 to August 1666. [*Ibid. p.* 46.]

July 7. Whitehall. Reference to the Treasury Commissioners of the petition of John, Lord Frescheville, for the patronage of Eckington, during his 31 years' lease of the manor. [*Ibid.*]

July 7. Treasury Chambers, Whitehall. Treasury Commissioners to Viscount Fanshaw, King's Remembrancer of the Exchequer. We direct that all processes against Henry Nicholls and his securities, for non-performance of his contract in weighing wrecks in the Medway, may be stayed until his Majesty and Council have given their resolutions upon his petition. [*Copy. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 262, *No.* 131.]

July 7. Woolwich. Wm. Sheldon to the Navy Commissioners. For what quarter are the workmen to be sent to Deptford to receive pay? If they could be paid at Woolwich, the King would gain half a day's work, and the men be better satisfied. [*Ibid. No.* 132.]

July 8. John Fenn to the Navy Commissioners. I did not keep a book of the time of the payment of tickets, not thinking it necessary; when I paid any money, the papers supplied the place of it, till delivered out of my hands. The tickets will show to whom the money was paid, it being the custom to write the receiver's name on them, when not paid to the owners. [*Ibid. No.* 133.]

July 8. Portsmouth. St. J. Steventon to the Navy Commissioners. I had your order only to make monthly books for payment of the extra, and had little reason to obey the desires of the informer against your warrant. I will obey your further order as to making quarterly books with all speed, but need further directions. [*Ibid. No.* 134.] *Encloses,*

> *Navy Commissioners to St. John Steventon. We take notice of your care in getting books ready for the last month's payment; you will have the same to do at the end of every month, from our intention to continue the monthly payments. Pray continue it until further order from us.—Navy Office,* 13 *Feb.* 1668–9. [*Copy. Ibid. No.* 134I.]

July 8. Chatham. J. Wilson to the Navy Commissioners. Shall I, as requested, deliver two old main courses to Mr. Pett, to make an awning for the men to work under on board the new ship? It will be an accommodation to them this hot weather, and forward the work, without damaging the sails. [*Ibid. No.* 135.]

July 8. Plymouth. John Lanyon to the Navy Commissioners. I repaid 7*l.* 3*s.* to Sir John Skelton and Mr. Blackbourne, for charges incident to the

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sale of the stores, and gave them a receipt for the produce thereof, being 1,776*l.* 17*s.* 3*d.*, this former sum discounted; I am preparing for discharge of the same, by your bills already passed to me. I will furnish an account of the small remains in this port, and other matters. [*S P. Dom., Car. II.* 262, *No.* 136.]

July 8. Capt. John Tinker and 2 others to the Navy Commissioners. We estimate the tonnage of the anchors, cables, sails, &c., put on board the *Jerusalem*, to be transported to Lisbon for the ships under Sir Edw. Spragg, at 50 tons. With note by the Navy Commissioners that there were 2 tons of stores besides sent on board, and a bill of imprest for 52 tons at 30*s.* a ton, amounting to 78*l.*, was granted him [Tinker], 10 July 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 137.]

July 8. Agreement between Stephen Brookes and the Navy Commissioners, for weighing ships named, sunk in the Thames on the approach of the enemy, and laying them on shore at Blackwall and Greenwich; to be done for 80*l.*, the Navy Commissioners finding the necessary materials. [*Ibid. No.* 138.]

July 8. Treasury Chambers, Whitehall. Report of the Treasury Commissioners, on the petition of Charles, Earl of Ancram, for so much of the remainder of the tin, cast away some years since near Ostend, as he may recover from the sea, at his own charge. We beg to certify that we had a large treaty with Alderman Backwell, by which his Majesty was to have one moiety of all that should be recovered, clear of charge; but Mr. Curtis, a merchant of Zealand, proffered 1,000*l.* over and above the one moiety, in case 120,000 lbs. weight should be fished up, and offered to maintain all persons we might employ on board his fishing boat, to receive his Majesty's part; we therefore wrote to Sir Wm. Temple to make a final agreement with Curtis; 1,199 blocks of the tin have still to be recovered, and having hopes that a considerable part will be recovered, if his Majesty has any thoughts of bounty to the petitioner, he might give him 1,000*l.*, or such other portion of the moneys as shall arise out of the profits of his Majesty's part of the said tin. [*Ibid. No.* 139.]

July 8. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Sir Thos. Allin has arrived. Sir Edw. Spragg and Sir John Harman are expected from the Downs. [*Ibid. No.* 140.]

July 9. Covent Garden. R. Manley to Rob. Francis. I have translated the letter as near as I could, but I do not understand all the words, and have no dictionary by me. This is the only language on this side of Portugal that could have puzzled me; a piece of the Talmud would have been as easy to me, so you had better not send any more papers from those parts, unless you will have me spend a fortnight in mastering the language. [*Ibid. No.* 140A.]

July 9. Yarmouth. Leonard Bower to Williamson. I desire the accompanying letters may be delivered to my father. We are all well as to the sickness. [*Ibid. No.* 141.]

July 9. London. Fras. Chaplin, sheriff, to Williamson. I solicit your interest for the discharge of Mr. Fearns and Nath. Denero, as worthy persons as

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walk the Exchange, who are arrested for disobeying the Lord Mayor's warrant, and for being concerned about a silk stocking frame, about which they know nothing, not even what it is. Pray get them discharged from the messenger's custody; there was a mistake in the warrant, and therefore it was not served. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 262, *No.* 142.]

July 9. Sir Ant. Aucher to Williamson. I desire leave to wait upon you on behalf of my son, for some sort of employment. [*Ibid. No.* 143.]

July 9. John Lawrence to Williamson. According to your directions, I have procured a certificate from Lord Poulett and several other deputy-lieutenants and justices of the peace of Somerset, that they think it expedient for his Majesty's service that Taunton should be again incorporated; this, with the petition and other papers, I have delivered to Lord Arlington, who promised to move the King in the business. As the Lord Keeper has the certificate of the judges of assize, and will assist Lord Arlington, pray put his Lordship in mind to move the King in it at the Council Chamber this morning. [*Ibid. No.* 144.]

July 9. Plymouth. John Clarke to Williamson. Two ships have arrived from Virginia, and report that the plantation is in a thriving condition, and that they are the last that will come from there this season. The *Mary Rose* and the *Roe* ketch are still waiting the arrival of Lord Howard. Sir Thos. Allin's fleet is daily expected. [*Ibid. No.* 145.]

July 9. The same to Hickes. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 146.]

July 9. Chatham. Phineas Pett to the Navy Commissioners. I am sorry you should find fault with the calking of the *Golden Hand;* I have made inquiry, and attribute the defects to the extreme heat of the weather, and her lying here so long after coming off the ground. I cannot send a pinnace to Sir Thos. Allin, the ships being gone, and the boat requiring repair. I want the provisions formerly demanded, and a sail or two to keep the sun from the men; also orders for stopping the leaks of the *Royal Sovereign*, as she makes 3 feet of water in 12 hours. [*Ibid. No.* 147.]

July 10. *Golden Hand*, Downs. Martin Carslake to the Navy Commissioners. I arrived here with Sir Edw. Spragg, who assisted me with men; but I yet want 6 or 7 of the number allowed, and when I have them, I shall be but weakly manned. I found much trouble by a leak in the stem for want of calking; it was stopped, and now we find a defect in her rudder, which may prove bad. I shall endeavour to mend it, or have a new one when I come to Portsmouth. My master found fault with it at Chatham. [*Ibid. No.* 148.]

July 10. Deptford. Jonas Shish to the Navy Commissioners. I have treated with Mr. Kingsbury for 40 or 50 loads of timber; he stands at 3*l.* 15*s.* a load, by reason that I am to choose 50 loads out of 300. Andrews, the bargeman, has delivered a barge-load of old and decayed timber, but little fit to carry on the works. I want 80 or 90 loads of oak formerly demanded, for carrying on the works of the *London.* [*Ibid. No.* 149.]

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[July 10.] Petition of Clara Bolton, widow, to Lord Arlington, for payment of 500*l.*, the arrears of the pension of 200*l.* granted for the loyalty of her late husband, and her own services; has lost her whole income besides, by the burning of her houses in London, unless she can pay off a mortgage of 700*l.* on them, before the ground is seized and forfeited for it. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 262, *No.* 150.] *Annexing,*

> *Note of a grant to her of the said pension, charged on the hearth money*; 29 *May* 1668. [*Ibid. No.* 150i.]

July 10. Recommendation of the above petition to the Treasury Commissioners, the petitioner being one of those few whom the King wishes to except out of the late retrenchment. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 47.]

July 10. Whitehall. Warrant to James, Duke of Ormond, to admit Mallet Payler, servant in ordinary, as yeoman of the field, in the place of Henry Peters. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 262, *No.* 151.]

July 10. The King to the Dean and Chapter of Exeter. We recommend Joshua Tucker, B.D., Archdeacon of Barnstaple, for the place of canon residentiary, on account of his worth, learning, and loyalty during the late rebellion. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 19, *p.* 107.]

July 10. Recommendation of John Ballard to the Wardens, &c., of New College and Winchester, to be chosen a child in Winchester College at the next election. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

July 10. Licence for Sir Rob. Cann of Bristol to transport 50 horses to Barbadoes, in which island he is a planter. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 111.]

July 10. Warrant to Sir Thos. Ingram for 1,036*l.* to be paid to Hugh May out of the duchy [of Lancaster], for the new buildings in the volary. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 154.]

July 10. Whitehall. Warrant to Sir Edw. Griffin to pay 20*l.* to the Gentlemen of the Chapel, in lieu of 3 deer usually granted to them. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 262, *No.* 152.]

July 10. Minute of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 154.]

July 10. Pass for 20 couples of dogs and 6 horses for the Duke of Savoy. Minute. [*Ibid. f.* 157.]

July 10. Recommendation by the King to all the nobility, societies for advancement of learning and commerce, &c., to countenance Rich. Blome, of St. Clement Danes, who is setting forth "a book of geography, wherein are handled all such arts as are necessary to be understood for the true knowledge thereof, and illustrated with variety of useful and delightful copper-plates," by subscribing thereto; also to all justices of peace, sheriffs, mayors, &c., to assist in rectifying errors in his description of England, Scotland, and Ireland. [*Ibid. f.* 158.]

July 10. Warrant for payment of salaries of 1,250*l.* a year each, to Sir Thos. Osborne and Sir Thos. Littleton, appointed in Nov. 1668

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Treasurers of the Navy, and 800*l.* to be distributed to their cashier, paymaster, and inferior officers; both sums to be by them deducted from the sums received by them out of the said office. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 158.]

July 10. The King to the Duke of York. Having appointed a fleet of ships to sail into the Mediterranean, under Sir Thos. Allin, we wish you to make the following addition to his instructions of 26 June last, viz.: that in case he finds it to be true that some Tripoli men-of-war have seized on the English ship *Victory,* on pretence of strangers' goods on board, and made prize of her, he is to carry out the same instructions as given for Algiers, in reference to Tripoli, and to Tunis, if they have broken the peace, but not till he knows whether he shall have peace or war with them. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, *f.* 30.]

July 10.
The *Resolution,* Spithead.
Sir Thos. Allin to Williamson. Thanks for letters and news-books. The *Deptford* ketch and Sir John Harman, with the *Jersey* and 2 others, have arrived at Spithead; we now only wait the arrival of Sir Edw. Spragg, when we shall sail with all expedition. I hope, at the return of the *Bristol* and *Dartmouth* lying off the island, to impress seamen; we shall then be well manned. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 262, *No.* 153.]

July 10.
Chester.
Sir Geoffrey Shakerley to Williamson. I have taken Travers, a captain in the late wars against his Majesty, and a very great preacher and ringleader of the Anabaptists; on his own confession, and the testimony of 2 witnesses, Sir Philip Egerton and I have committed him upon the statute, and I send a copy of the commitment. I desire your judgment upon it, and the opinion of the judges as to the course to be adopted for suppressing the conventicles. [*Ibid. No.* 154.] *Enclosing,*

> *Warrant by Sir Phil. Egerton and Sir Geoffrey Shakerley, to the Constable of Chester Castle, to receive and keep John Travers in safe custody in Chester Castle, until delivered by due course of law, for being present at a conventicle or meeting in the house of Mr. Werden, in Foregate Street, Chester, on* 20 *June, and for preaching and instructing the people then and there assembled under pretence of divine worship, contrary to the statute of* 35 *Eliz.* [*Ibid. No.* 154I.]
>
> *Sealed envelope directed to Lord Arlington, endorsed, "Mr. Werden's seal, as brought to us by a private hand,* 25 *June* 1869. *Mem. to compare it with what comes through France."* [*Ibid. No.* 154II.]

July 10.
Deal.
Rich. Watts to Williamson. Sir Edw. Spragg has arrived in the Downs; one ship is here, bound for Lisbon. [*Ibid. No.* 155.]

July 10.
Milford.
John Powell to Williamson. A ship belonging to Bristol, and bound for the Barbadoes, put in here by contrary winds. [*Ibid. No.* 156.]

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The Savoy.

Thos. Bromhall to his cousin, Benj. Francis. I beg payment of the small sum of money I laid out for printing your book; your brother will satify you that I have need of it, after so long patience. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 262, *No.* 157.]

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Questions to be discussed *in vesperiis* and *in comitiis* at Oxford, on theology, civil law, medicine, and philosophy, 10 and 12 July, 1669.

Endorsed are 24 lines in Latin verse, celebrating the opening of the Sheldonian Theatre on 10 June:—

Seu te, sub antro Pierio, tenent
Fontis, canentem, mollia murmura,
Seu diva jam mavis, amatas
Isidis incoluisse ripas.
Vocale Clio, nunce age Barbiton
Et temparatam tange manu Chelin.

Chor.—Audin? sonorus plaudit æther } *Bis.*
Et superi modulantur orbes.

Quem nostra dicet te potius lyra?
Sheldone magne, major Apolline;
Sheldone, musis gratiores
Extruis ipse, Helicone, sedes.

Augusta moles, conde polo caput
Æqualis astris, sed domino minor;
Succumbis ingenti Patrono
Sideribus licet invidenda.

Non te vel imber, vel fuga temporum
Dies ne longus, non magis improba
Te bella non Fanaticorum
Vis rapiet mala sana fratrum.

Chor.—Secura Lethi, sume superbiam,
Æterna musis hospitibus domus } *Bis.*
Autore vincis, vince et annis
Barbara Romulidum theatra.

[*Ibid. No.* 157A.]

July 11.
Pendennis.

Fras. Bellot to Williamson. Capt. Jennifer, with the *Truelove*, has come in, bound for Jamaica, and is taking in goods. The new experiment on her proves very well by lengthening her keel, and the lacker on her, as the captain calls it, may be of great advantage in saving her cargo of pitch and tar, as well as preserving the vessel from the worms. Some small vessels outward bound are waiting a fair wind. [*Ibid. No.* 158.]

July 11.
Portsmouth.

Chas. Collier, for Hugh Salesbury, to Williamson. Sir Thos. Allin and Sir Jno. Harman still remain at Spithead, with the *St. David* and 3 other ships. [*Ibid. No.* 159.]

July 11.
Plymouth.

John Clarke to Hickes. Sixteen great ships, supposed to be part of Sir Thos. Allin's fleet, were seen in the offing, but the wind being off the shore, they cannot turn into the harbour till to-morrow. I have been ill ten days, and cannot write to Mr. Williamson. Lord Howard is expected to-morrow; he was to be at Exeter last night. I have delivered your letter from Mr. Brattell to Mr. Wilcocks. [*Ibid. No.* 160.]

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Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. I went to the Isle of Wight, and bought the provisions mentioned in the contract sent, Mr. Newland having disposed of the rest at better rates by 5*l.* per cent. than you give for these. I know your difficulty in obtaining money, and therefore proposed nothing but what is profitable; yet I recommend you to purchase Mr. Newland's masts, being large and good.

Our money is almost done; 1,000*l.* more will put us in a good condition as to provisions, plank excepted; but Mr. Coles' was delivered yesterday, and divers persons will be able to supply more at the end of the summer. I made inquiries after Wendover, and find he is in the *Blessing* of Gosport, and had but one man pressed from him by the *Bristol's* boat; this man has since been turned over into the *Mary,* so that he is mistaken in his petition, in all but his own name; he should be made sensible of it. I am of opinion that the hulks ought to be moored out of the strength of the tide, so that they may be able to help ships in and out of dock. I send an estimate for a rigging house, which will be advantageous; also particulars of the arrival and departure of ships. Am I to supply Sir John Harman and Capt. Poole with sails and junk, which they need? [2¼ *pages.* *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 262, *No.* 161.]

July 11.
The *Jersey,*
Spithead.

Capt. Wm. Poole to the Navy Commissioners. I urgently need sails, and also junk, as what I had was bad. I do not urge the want of them to lavish the King's stores, or give my boatswain an occasion to play the knave. I will endeavour to prevent that; having had some account of his former deportment, I caused all his sea stores to be brought upon deck, and found all to concur with his indent; therefore I have no occasion to complain, but shall look after the expense of his stores. I pray that my sails may be surveyed and supplied. [*Ibid. No.* 162.]

July 11.
The *St. David,*
Spithead.

Sir John Harman to the Navy Commissioners. I want new sails, as those I have are not fit for foreign service, where none are to be expected but what we carry with us, and this is a laboursome ship in foul weather. [*Ibid. No.* 163.]

July 12.
Chatham.

Capt. Edw. Moorcock and John Moore to the Navy Commissioners. We removed the wreck 140 fathoms towards the shore, out of the way of ships passing, and hope with another tide or two she will be dry on shore. We have cast 100 tons of mud out of her gun deck, and her hold is as full as it can be, which made her lift so exceeding weighty that both her sides were torn from the bottom, and the rest of her is equally shattered. The number of men we are forced to employ expend the beer so fast this hot weather, that our proportion will not hold to expend half the victuals, and we cannot put them to an allowance of beer at this time of year. Pray order down 10 or 12 tuns, to supply that expended extra. [*Ibid. No.* 164.]

July 12.

R. Mayors to [the Navy Commissioners]. I find that there will be 43 beams of Capt. Shorter's timber very long, and much more that would be fit for the service. With minutes of a contract with

Capt. Shorter, for its delivery at Deptford, at *3l.* *6s.* and *3l.* *3s.* a load, ready money. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 262, *No.* 165.]

July 12.
Whitehall.

Petition of Wm. Gulston, M.A., to the King, for a dispensation to hold two livings, the rectory of Milston, Wiltshire, which he now holds, and that of Nuthurst, Sussex, conferred upon him by the Bishop of Chichester; but he cannot enjoy it, by reason of the distance, without a dispensation. With reference thereon to the Bishop of Oxford, and his report that the petitioner is deserving of the dispensation asked for, he having faithfully promised to contrive a change as soon as possible.—16 July 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 166.]

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Entry of the above reference, dated 13 July. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 48.]

July 12.

Warrant for a grant to Mary, widow of Jeremy Sambrooke, an officer of the East India Company, of one-third part of the estate of her husband, forfeit by his having become *felo de se,* provided she makes a full discovery of the other two-thirds of the said estate. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 111.]

July 12.
Brooke House,
Holborn.

Order by the Commissioners for taking accounts, that William Wardour, Clerk of the Pells, furnish them by 30 July, with an account of all moneys paid into, and issued out of the Exchequer, upon the Poll Bill and Additional Supply, according to the method directed by the Board's order of 5 March last. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 262, *No.* 167.]

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Castle Cornet.

Sir Jonathin Atkins to Williamson. Thanks for favours. The world is very quiet, but our bustling neighbours, the French, are still moving towards one point or another; there are 12 frigates at Brest, and 5 from Toulon ready to sail, and they have lately built 12 strong galleys. They are intent on maritime preparations, and are supplying the stores and arsenals with ordnance, &c. Six flats have reached Breda, laden with ordnance, masts, and cordage from Sweden and the Baltic, and 8 more are ordered.

Duke Mazarin is removed from his charge of Governor of Brittany, and is made Governor of Alsace. I hear from St. Malo that there was an affront put upon our English frigate, the *Milford,* but the French King so resented it that the offending captain was ordered to be hanged. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 168.]

July 12.
Deal.

Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. Sir Edw. Spragg has sailed westward; a great fly-boat accompanied him. [*Ibid. No.* 169.]

July 12.
Chester.

Ma. Anderton to Williamson. I send letters enclosed to my care by Mr. Ardrey, employed in the Customs. Since Sir Geoffry Shakerley took up some of the persons at the assemblies and conventicles, they have been very submissive and quiet; if his Majesty had as active and vigilant justices in all parts of his dominions, there would be less fear of tumults and rebellion. [*Ibid. No.* 170.]

July 12.
Yarmouth.

Leonard Bower to Williamson. There have 100 sail of laden colliers passed through for Sunderland and Newcastle. Pray deliver the enclosed to my father. [*Ibid. No.* 171.]

July 12.
Dover.

Jo. Carlile to [Williamson]. I will neglect no opportunity to give the best intelligence, and doubt not to get a correspondence at

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Calais, though I go over for it. As to Mr. Dallett at Rye, there is little or no commerce, by reason of the pestilence at Dieppe. The Marquis de Ranso has arrived, to pay his respects to his Majesty and his Royal Highness, and is accompanied with 15 servants.

Lady Mary Lexington, with her son, Lord Lexington, and her daughter and servants, have taken a French boat for Calais, and Lady Gerard, Baroness Bromley, has gone with them by his Majesty's order. I found in company with them Wm. Stuckley, one of the three that killed Capt. Bromwich; but he says he was cleared by the coroner's inquest; I have detained him until I hear from Lord Arlington or you. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 262, *No.* 172.]

July 13. Dover. John Carlile to Williamson. I want to know, on behalf of myself and Dr. Holder, the deputy mayor, whether I shall keep Wm. Stuckley in custody, by virtue of the order formerly sent concerning the death of Capt. Bromwich. Stuckley contends that he is acquitted of the murder, but produces no discharge. [*Ibid. No.* 173.]

July 13. Alban Hall. Dr. Thos. Lamplugh to Williamson. I intended sending a larger account of the business of our Act, but I am called away by Sir Edw. Norris, to pay the last office to his father, who died last Sunday. I did not see the person recommended by your letter, to whom I should be kind for his brother's sake, as well as his own. Dr. Wallis will forward a narrative by the next post. Dr. Compton performed his part so well that he came off with great applause, gaining reputation to himself, and did the University a great deal of honour. [*Ibid. No.* 174.]

July 13. Whitehall. [Lord Arlington to the Lord Lieutenant of Devonshire.] His Majesty having received frequent informations from several parts of the increase of unlawful meetings, under pretence of religious worship, contrary to law and in affront to the Government, particularly within the town of Plymouth, I am commanded by the King to desire you to break and disperse them as soon as formed, and to proceed against the ringleaders according to law, as much danger is to be apprehended from suffering such, within any of the garrisons or places of strength. If you find occasion to call for assistance, the justices of peace and the magistrates and officers of Plymouth are to give it, and you are to furnish an account from time to time, to his Majesty or the Lords of the Treasury. [2½ *pages. Draft. Ibid. No.* 175.]

July 13. Essex House. C. Cratford to Viscount Conway. I received your letter and bill of exchange for 50*l.* from P. Neill, and shall place it for her ladyship's appointment. I also received 400*l.* of the Earl of Derby, for which Lady Clifton desires Sir Clifford [Clifton]'s bond for 200*l.*, and yours for the other 200*l.* All endeavours will be used to get in more money as fast as may be. [*Ibid. No.* 176.]

July 13. Whitehall. Warrant to Sir John Howell, Recorder, and the Sheriffs of London, to reprieve, during pleasure, Edw. Maddox, condemned at the Old Bailey for highway robbery, on account of his services in discovering several notorious malefactors, who have thus been brought to condign punishment. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 28, *f.* 27.]

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July 13. Reprieve for Hen. Pritchard, committed at the Old Bailey for robbery of ——— Talbot. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 154.]

July 13. Whitehall. Summons for Thos. Parkhurst, bookseller, at the Bible, London Bridge, to appear before Lord Arlington at Goring House, and to bring with him a copy of the reply to a book entitled, " A Friendly Debate," newly printed; also not to suffer any sheets of the said book to be disposed of, without leave from his lordship. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

July 13. Summons for Thos. Leach, a printer in St. John's Street, to appear at the same place and time. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

July 13. Woolwich. Wm. Ackworth to Lord Brouncker. There is very great want of a storehouse, to house ships' stores when they return from sea, and to serve the ships when ordered to sea, which would save the King many hundreds in the year. There may be a house shedded for 30*l.*, and the other house fitted where it stands for cordage, &c. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 262, *No.* 177.]

July 13. *Mary* yacht, Dublin. Capt. Jas. Sharland to the Navy Commissioners. I send a demand for boatswain and carpenter's stores; I desire orders as to reducing my complement of men to 20, and as to carrying a surgeon; also some printed tickets. [*Ibid. No.* 178.]

July 14. Chatham Dock. Ph. Pett to the Navy Commissioners. I have sent calkers aboard the *Royal Sovereign* to stop her leaks, and shall hasten to get the *Dreadnought* out of dock, in order to repair the dock and wharves. We have room for 40 large masts to be kept in the mast docks under water. We want more timber; particulars of some that may be purchased. Capt. Moorcock requires the use of the *James* hoy, and will allow 12*s.* a load for the loan of her, out of the timber to be fetched from Maulding [Maldon ?] [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 179.]

July 14. Sir Jo. Bennet to Williamson. I want you to put into the *Gazette* that the receipt within Temple Bar for letters, to be conveyed to the General Post Office, is removed from Mr. Eales to Mr. Groine, stationer, at the Black Horse, between the two Temple gates, within the Bar. [*Ibid. No.* 180.]

July 14. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Williamson. The *Swallow* of Falmouth has arrived from Amsterdam, and reports that a Dutch East Indiaman has brought over 240,000 lbs. of tin, to be sold for 4*s.* a cwt. cheaper than that of Cornwall; if it proves as good, this will be a great loss to this country. The *Speedwell* and *Hopewell* of London have put to sea. A good fishing year is expected, great quantities having been already taken on the coast. [*Ibid. No.* 181.]

July 14. Same to Hickes. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 182.]

July 14. Yarmouth. Leonard Bower to Williamson. Ten sail of colliers are riding in the road, bound for the North. A vessel has arrived from Rouen. The Frenchman that came over with Mr. Ballduck's son, and died

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of the sickness, has been buried. Pray deliver the enclosed to my father. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 262, *No.* 183.]

July 14. Weymouth. Geo. Pley to Hickes. The sea ebbed and flowed 7 times each on the 10th instant, between 6 and 9 a.m., which was the more admired, in regard that it was in such a calm season, and fair weather, and at the time of neap and low tides. The like has never been known but once before, and that was about 3 years since. [*Ibid. No.* 184.]

[July 14.] Petition of John Adrian and 3 other English merchants to the King, for a letter to the English Ambassador at the Hague, to interpose on their behalf. During the war with Holland, they were necessitated, for carrying on their trade, to use the names of several subjects of the King of Spain in the Spanish Netherlands; having shipped goods at Ostend for England in Flemish vessels, some of them were taken by a Dutch man-of-war, and carried to Amsterdam, the petitioners not daring to claim them. The goods, appearing to be shipped in Flemish names, were arrested for some pretended losses of the Hollanders, and petitioners were constrained to give security to answer the arrest; the States have since ordered the raising of money upon such security, for satisfaction of the pretended losses. [*Ibid. No.* 185.]

July 14. Milford. John Powell to Williamson. Our harbour affords no news of any kind. [*Ibid. No.* 186.]

July 14. Plymouth. John Clarke to Williamson. Lord Ambassador Howard has arrived, and intends to embark in the *Mary Rose;* Sir Thos. Allin's fleet is hourly expected. [*Ibid. No.* 187.]

July 14. Same to Hickes. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 188.]

July 15. Swansea. John Man to Williamson. The Duchess of Ormond, with her retinue, passed through Swansea from Milford last week, and was entertained by the Lord President [of Wales] at Golden Grove for 2 or 3 days, when she was conducted by him, and most of the principal gentry of Carmarthenshire, to Brecknock; there she was received by the magistrates and gentlemen of the county, who entertained her with a handsome banquet, after which she pursued her journey towards London. [*Ibid. No.* 189.]

July 15. Warrant for a grant of the King's consent to the uniting the parishes of Bayton and Mamble, co. Worcester, both in his patronage—as they are of too small value to maintain two ministers, and only a mile asunder—after the manner expressed in the Act for uniting churches; both parishes to resort henceforth to Mamble Church. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 112.]

July 15. The King to the Duke of York. Having given leave to Major Banister, and 20 other planters, to go to Surinam, or some other port in the West Indies, in the frigate *Sweepstakes*, you are to order the Navy Commissioners to furnish for the said 20 persons 3 months' provisions. [*Ibid.*]

July 15. Warrant for a grant to Thos. Killigrew, groom of the bedchamber, of 1,095*l.* due by Sir Thos. Stanley of Alderley, co. Chester, for his dignity of a baronet, for which he has not sued out his *quietus* in

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the Exchequer, as he might and ought to have done; with power to recover and compound for the same. Also order for a warrant to the Exchequer officers, to grant the said *quietus*, on declaration of Killigrew that he has received or compounded for the money. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 26, *f.* 63.]

July 15. Warrant for Thos. Leach, printer, and Thos. Parkhurst, bookseller, to be brought before Lord Arlington. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 154.]

July 16. Pass for Orlando Gee, with 3 servants and 5 horses, to France. Minute. [*Ibid. f.* 156.]

July 16. Letter to the University of Cambridge, for Hen. Edes to be made D.D. without performing exercises. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, *f.* 26.] *Annexing,*

> *Earl of Manchester to Lord* [*Arlington*]. *I am willing that Hen. Edes, M.A., should take the degree of D.D. at Cambridge, if you will move his Majesty for a* mandamus *with dispensation from exercise, there being just ground to deserve the King's favour therein.*—14 *July,* 1669. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 263, *No.* 1.]

July 16. Whitehall. Report by Lord Keeper Bridgeman, Lord Arlington, and Sec. Trevor, on the petition of the Earl of Bristol, referred to them 22 Jan. 1669. That the grant to him of the King's moiety of the forfeiture on prohibited goods was in lieu of 10,000*l.* due to him, and of which he signed an acquittance. That his Majesty suspended the grant on some particular displeasure, but afterwards declared that the petitioner should not be frustrated thereof. That John, Earl of Bristol, father to the present Earl, purchased a pension of 2,000*l.* a year, for 31 years, from the late King, by way of rent-charge on the revenue of the Court of Wards, of which 16 or 17 years remained unpaid; but the 3 years unexpired since the Restoration have been paid, and on the Act for taking away the said Court, he was promised recompense. That he has lost also the wardship of Lord Brooke, given him by the late King, which would have done much to repair his estate, ruined by his loyalty. Advise that the 10,000*l.* from prohibited goods should be restored, and the pension of 2,000*l.* established to him, to make the remainder of his life comfortable, he having no office, nor other mark of favour. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *pp.* 48–50.]

July 16. Reference of the petition of ——— Garrill, for the forfeitures of false refiners, to the Treasury Commissioners, the King not thinking fit to compensate his time and charges in their prosecution in that way, the whole being an uncertain sum. [*Ibid. p.* 51.]

July 16. The petition of Lord Willoughby, for reimbursement of such sums as appear to be due to him, referred to the Treasury Commissioners. [*Ibid. p.* 52.]

July 16. Reference of the petition of Col. Jo. Blunt, for the custody of the lands of idiots, to the Attorney-General, who is to consider of his Majesty's right to the disposal of idiots, and to the reversion of the estate in the lands petitioned for. [*Ibid.*]

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July 16. Dispensation to Wm. Gulston to hold Milston and Nuthurst rectories, though beyond the distance. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 19, *f.* 108. *See p.* 407, *supra.*]

July 16. Whitehall. Proclamation charging all justices of peace to put into execution the laws for suppressing conventicles, which are held in greater number than formerly, and endanger the public peace. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 263, *No.* 2.]

July 16. Entry of the above. [*Printed. Proc. Coll. p.* 272.]

July 16. Paris. Sidney Godolphin to Lord [Arlington]. I hear, by a gentleman sent by Lord Ormond to see Lord Cavendish, that the King intends to begin his journey for the New Forest on 5 Aug., at which I am troubled, fearing I shall not be able to come to London soon enough to fit myself with horses to follow him. It is my highest hope to do him some service, and if ever I was useful to him, it was in such journeys. You will know best whether it will be fit to make any excuse to the King for me, and if it will, pray do it. I should be glad to know whether you go with the King, and if you go to Euston, or any other progress, where one might follow you with less preparations. Madame comes next Monday to St. Cloud, to stay till she is confined, and the King of France intends making her a great feast by the way, at Versailles. [*Ibid. No.* 3.]

July 16. Deptford. J. Uthwat to the Navy Commissioners. I send the survey of the *Lenox* yacht, taken by the officers at Chatham, with an account of the supplies made to her. I have no cognisance of what repairs were done, but her remains of rigging, and stores on board at her coming to Deptford, are now in the stores here. [*Ibid. No.* 4.]

July 16. Woolwich. Capt. W. Hannam, and 3 other officers, to the Navy Commissioners. The cost of removing the frame of the mast-house, and setting it up again where the *Falcon* was built, and making a new foundation, will amount to 70*l.*, which is a greater charge than to erect a new mast-house. It is greatly wanted, to house cables, rigging, and ships' stores to prevent embezzlements, the same being kept on board ships in harbour, for want of storehouse room. [*Ibid. No.* 5.]

July 16. M. Wren to Pepys. Pray move the Board that the stop put on Mathew Pengelly's wages, for being absent from the *Defiance* when she was fired, may be taken off, as he was absent by his Royal Highness's particular leave. [*Ibid. No.* 6.]

July 16. Estimate by Capt. Ant. Deane, and 2 others, for building a house 130 feet square [at Portsmouth], to hold rigging and ships' stores; total 322*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.* [*Ibid. No.* 7.] *Annexing,*

Pencil drawing of the gable end of the proposed rigging-house. [*Ibid. No.* 7i.]

Estimate by Capt. Ant. Deane and another for building a rigging-house of the same size, total 259*l.* 8*s.* 0*d.* *Also estimate of the expense for repairing and lengthening a house in the yard at Portsmouth, total* 131*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*—10 *July* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 7ii.]

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Ruckholts.

Sir Wm. Hickes to Williamson. Pray get a deputation from the King for the preservation of game, for Sir Martin Lumley, Bart, of Bradfield Park, Essex; he is also a deputy-lieutenant, and commander of a troop of horse. Let me know when it is ready, so that I may come myself and see the fees discharged. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 263, *No.* 8.]

July 16.
Yarmouth.

Ann Bower to Williamson. In the absence of my husband, I received your letter of the 13th, and perceive you had a false report; the truth is that a child 6 months old, who was a relation, died in a house opposite, of vomiting, &c., which was duly inquired into, and so found by the bailiffs; since then the Frenchman has died, it is said, of the plague, but it was in a boarded house at the wharf, and apart from any other; all others are well. Some light vessels have sailed for Newcastle, and one for Rotterdam. [*Ibid. No.* 9.]

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Deal.

Rich. Watts to Williamson. Arrival of a few ships; an unusual quantity of horse mackerel has appeared on shore; they are two-thirds as big as other mackerel. The corn is parched for want of rain. [*Ibid. No.* 10.]

July 17.
Milford.

John Powell to Hickes. A Bristol ship for Barbadoes has put in here by contrary winds, waiting to continue her voyage. [*Ibid. No.* 11.]

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Same to Williamson. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 12.]

July 17.
Bridlington.

John Bower to Hickes. The coal traders are daily passing without molestation. The times being peaceable, both by land and sea, we have no news. [*Ibid. No.* 13.]

July 17.
Lyme.

Ant. Thorold to Hickes. Two vessels have arrived laden with salt, and report that some Turkish men-of-war have taken several small merchantmen on the French coast, and chased others into Scilly, and other ports, for security. The tide here ebbed and flowed three times in the time of one tide, on the 10th instant, very much to the wonder of all, the like not being known in the time of any man living. [*Ibid. No.* 14.]

July 17.

Warrant for a grant to Rob. Croke of the reversion, after his father, Sir Rob. Croke, of the office of Engrosser of the Great Rolls or Clerk of the Pipe in the Exchequer, which reversion has been surrendered by the Earl of St. Alban's, to whom it was granted by the late King. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 113.]

July 17.

Caveat for Mr. Rustat that no grant pass of Rich. Sandford's estate or goods. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 32, *p.* 5.]

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Caveat for Mr. Oneby that nothing pass concerning a presentation to Church Langton, co. Leicester. [*Ibid. p.* 8.]

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M. Wren to Pepys. By means of Mr. Fountaine, I can send money to Capt. Faseby, who is with the *Monmouth* yacht at Minehead, expecting the coming of Lord Orrery, of which there is no more assurance than the Jews have of the coming of the Messiah, or the Turks

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of Mahomet. If you will put my money in Mr. Fountaine's hands, he will give a receipt and take care that the captain has it in 6 or 7 days; without it I fear he will starve, for he must stay there a little longer, Lord Orrery still believing that he shall make use of him for his passage to Ireland. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 263, *No.* 15.]

July 17. Chatham. Edw. Gregory and 2 other officers to the Navy Commissioners. The wreck of the Flemish fireship, ordered to be delivered to gunner Clarke, is worth 80*l.*; but in consideration of her lying so conveniently for the use of the Ordnance Officers, we think she will be of more value to the King, if broken up for their platforms, &c. With note of a warrant for delivering the ship to Clarke. [*Ibid. No.* 16.]

July 18. St. Helen's Road. Sir Edw. Spragg to the Navy Commissioners. I have received the bill of lading of stores to be sent to Lisbon for my use, and desire they may be delivered to the English Consul there, to be kept in the King of Portugal's magazine until my arrival. I shall observe his Royal Highness's instructions, but being on the point of sailing, have not time to comply concerning an account of the rigging, stores, &c. I discharged Edw. Burwood, though it is in a very unseasonable time, considering how hard it is to get such men. Let some printed tickets for men discharged be sent to Lisbon by Capt. Wiltshire, if he has not sailed out of the Downs. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 17.]

July 18. St. Helen's Road. Same to Williamson. I arrived yesterday at St. Helen's Road, where I found Sir Thos. Allin, who had just come to anchor from Spithead; we are all ready to sail the first opportunity. I beg correspondence with one of your clerks, which I will return from time to time; my remembrances to Lord Arlington. [*Ibid. No.* 18.]

July 18. Portsmouth. Chas. Collier, for Hugh Salesbury, to Williamson. Sir Thos. Allin and his fleet left Spithead, and joined Sir Edw. Spragg. [*Ibid. No.* 19.]

July 18. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. Lord Howard, the Ambassador, arrived on Wednesday, went to view the citadel and island, and then went on board the *Mary Rose*, the cannons from fort, island, and ships proclaiming his welcome. Yesterday he went to Mr. Howell's house at Washburne, 20 miles distant. Mr. Warren, Secretary to the Embassy, has come in. The *Mary Rose, Foresight*, and *Roe* ketch are in port. [*Ibid. No.* 20.]

[July 18.] Warrant for a commission to William Earl of Craven, Anthony Lord Ashley, John Lord Lucas, the Bishops of London, Ely, and Rochester, and 9 others, including several of the judges, to convene before them the present Archbishop of York, late Bishop of Carlisle, at suit of the present Bishop of Carlisle, to answer for the dilapidations of Rose Castle, Cumberland, and other edifices belonging to the bishopric, and to determine the whole cause; with all powers of coercion used in ecclesiastical causes. [*Ibid. No.* 21.]

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[July 18.] Blank draft of the preceding commission. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 263, *No.* 21A.]

July 18. Entry of the above commission. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 156.]

Docquet of the above commission, dated 3 Aug. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 73.]

July 18. Portsmouth. Capt. Ant. Deane to Williamson. I have sent up the table-book and what papers I had from Mr. Castell, relating to the dimensions of ships, harbours, and places he had been to, the prices of naval stores &c., which, if he had lived to interpret, would have been useful; but since it is otherwise, I beg your interest on behalf of Castell's wife, whose loss can never be repaired but in part by your regards. The King promised me that she should have a reward answerable to her loss, and it only wants my Lord's help and yours. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 263, *No.* 22.]

July 18. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. Two ships have arrived from Barbadoes and one from Guinea; another is in the Channel. [*Ibid. No.* 23.]

July 19. Deal. Same to the Same. Two ships have arrived from Guinea, one of which reports that Mr. Rotton, coming from Old Calabar to Barbadoes, redeemed 3 Englishmen, left behind by Capt. Edw. Digson, and sold by the blacks, one of whom was my brother's son. This is a wonder to all who hear it, considering the savageness of these blacks. [*Ibid. No.* 24.]

July 19. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Hickes. The *Virgin* of Falmouth has arrived from Rochelle with salt, and reports that the French King demands great sums of money of the Hollanders, and that if it were not for the Triple Alliance, he would soon compel them to pay it; there have not been 10 Dutch vessels loaded in that river these 4 months, but what go under the names of Hamburghers or Ostenders, for fear a stop should be put upon them. The *Providence* from Barbadoes, and the *Penryn Merchant* from Nance [Nantes ?] laden with salt, have also come in. [*Ibid. No.* 25.]

July 19. Trinity College. [Cambridge]. Thos. Nixon to Rob. Francis. I would not have you think that I send to you more for convenience than duty, though I send a letter stuffed with others for other people; I hope you will direct and send a letter enclosed to my father. [*Ibid. No.* 26.]

July 19. Standon. Walter, Lord Aston, to Williamson. I have lately had a commission sent me for my perusal and opinion, under the Duchy seal, by the Chancellor, Sir Thos. Ingram, wherein I am appointed a Commissioner to inquire into all trespasses committed within Tutbury Honour and Needwood Forest, so that course may be taken against the offenders; tell me your opinion how the game and the wood can be improved for his Majesty's pleasure and profit.

As I am High Steward of Tutbury, and lieutenant and woodmaster of Needwood Forest, and as it is his Majesty's wish that I should go down to Staffordshire and attend the said business, I beg that my

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commission may be framed absolutely clear, when I hope to do good service; I shall receive it as a great favour and honour, as it will something repair me in my own country, where I am much lessened by the late favour to Col. Vernon. Pray assist me in my suit with Lord Arlington for it, and if it ever lies in my power, I will endeavour to deserve it. With suggestions [by Williamson] for two alterations in the commission on Lord Aston's behalf. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 263, *No.* 27.]

[July 19.] Petition of Sam. Ball, M.A., to the King, for letters mandatory to the Master and Fellows of St. Peter's College, Cambridge, to pre-elect and admit him into the next fellowship of the old foundation that shall become void. Is possessed of a by-foundation fellowship in the University, but is not in a capacity of being elected, by reason of some statutes that may be interpreted to his prejudice. [*Ibid. No.* 28.]

July 19. Commission for James Mauleverer to be ensign to Sir Philip Monckton's company, in Col. Russell's regiment of Guards. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 29, *p.* 34.]

July 19. Pass for 6 horses for M. Crequy. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 162.]

July 19. Chatham. Phineas Pett to the Navy Commissioners. I have treated with Mr. Lewsley for 6,000 broom, and beg you will appoint a person to view it, the stores being in great want of it; we also much want deals, and a warrant for impressing shipwrights, house carpenters, and bricklayers, as they will not come without. The calkers pressed have not appeared; let some course be taken for sending them or others down, as it gives a bad example to those who have appeared, and injures the service. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 263, *No.* 29.]

July 19. Portsmouth. Capt. Ant. Deane to the Navy Commissioners. Let the spruce deals be sent down, they being the only stop to the works on the *Fairfax* and the new ship. Wm. Castell has a parcel of timber at Fareham at 44*s.* a load; pray buy it, as it is a bargain. Sir Thos. Allin sailed from Spithead yesterday with the whole fleet. [*Ibid. No.* 30.]

July 20. Chatham. Edw. Gregory and J. Wilson to the Navy Commissioners. We send an account of the goods sold by auction on warrants, and to whom they were delivered. [*Ibid. No.* 31.]

July 20. Portsmouth. Abra. Ansley to the Navy Commissioners. The fleet sailed this morning; the wind north and a hard gale. [*Ibid. No.* 32.]

July 20. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. I send an account of the stores required, which may be had in this country for ready money, amounting to 2,350*l.* I desire directions as to the removal of old hulks; also what allowance is to be made to the surgeon attending the workmen in the forest, divers of whom have cut themselves in hewing the frame for the new ship, and must have suffered for the want of one. Mr. Silvester offers that—for 400*l.* to be paid now, and 200*l.* more in 2 months—he will complete the chain

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and bridle in 3 months. The chain at 42*s.* a cwt. will cost 1,008*l.*, and the bridle 92*l.* 16*s.* 3*d.* [1¾ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 263, *No.* 33.]

July 20. Abr. Parker to the Navy Commissioners. I request you will peruse his Royal Highness's reference and my certificates, and grant my desires, that I may no longer wait,—after 3 years' time, and expense of 300*l.*,—for that which is not one-sixth the value, and which you have certified that I deserve and ought to receive. [*Ibid. No.* 34.]

July 20. Wm. Williamson, master of the *Black Dog*, to the Navy Commissioners. Particulars of a journey from Deptford to Stockwith for timber, and back; we want a supply of victuals, as we are beginning to unload. [*Ibid. No.* 35.]

July 20. Stockwith. John Russell to the Navy Commissioners. I send the bills of lading of the *Black Dog* and *Adam and Eve*, and desire you will send a ship to Hull for the timber. I lent Lord Byron the *Chick* to carry plank to Hull, where he has a ship loading. The *James* hoy has come up to Stockwith. [*Ibid. No.* 36.]

July 20. Memorandum by Attorney-General Palmer, entitled, "Heads of a Charter of Incorporation of the Burgesses, &c., of Llanvilling, co. Montgomery, and of a grant and confirmation of the ancient liberties and privileges there formerly enjoyed by them and the Lord Powis, Lord thereof." With the alterations and additions desired and needed; also the names of the 2 bailiffs, 15 capital burgesses, steward, town clerk, and coroner. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 37.]

July 20. Treasury Chambers. Sir George Downing to the Navy Commissioners. The Lords Commissioners desire you will furnish an account of all payments made for salaries and pensions, as other offices have done. [*Ibid. No.* 38.]

July 20. Treasury Chambers, Whitehall. Same to Lord Arlington. Your two letters and papers about the revenue in Ireland have been considered by the Treasury Commissioners, and heard by the King, in presence of the Lords of the Council of Ireland, and the Lord Privy Seal. I am instructed to enclose you the answer. [*Ibid. No.* 39.]

July 20. Plymouth. Rob. Wynn to Rob. Francis. I arrived here with Mr. Warren on Saturday night; we found Lord Howard withdrawn for his diversion 20 miles out of town, where he will continue until Sir Thos. Allin's fleet comes about, which is expected in 8 days; this is very unlucky for me, as every man lies at his own expense, but I am continued in hopes by Mr. Warren that Lord Howard will give me a fair reception. Pray procure a recommendation to his Lordship for me. Apply to my brother Thomas, in Mark Lane, who laid out 3*l.* in linen for me, for a second supply, as the linen was all lost by the carelessness of the post, and the money I received from friends was expended in coming down. I hope you will be kind to honest Thos. Maddocks, as he is endeavouring your speedy payment. Endorsed, "Cousin Wynn." [*Ibid. No.* 40.]

July 20. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. The Straits' ships and others are sailing westward, with a fresh gale. [*Ibid. No.* 41.]

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July 20. My house at Petworth. Hen. Bulstrode to Williamson. I request you to speak to Lord Arlington on behalf of my neighbour, Mr. Manser of Petworth, for the postmaster's place, his house having been formerly used as the post house, and he being willing either to farm it, or to be at an allowance for the situation; he is a just and a sufficient man. Let your reply be left with the porter at Northumberland House. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 263, *No.* 42.]

July 21. Pembroke. John Powell to Williamson. These parts afford no news of any kind. [*Ibid. No.* 43.]

July 21. Same to Hickes. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 44.]

July 21. Portsmouth. Chas. Collier, for Hugh Salesbury, to Williamson. On Tuesday Sir Thos. Allin and his fleet sailed for the Straits, with a fair wind. [*Ibid. No.* 45.]

July 21. Grant to George, Duke of Buckingham, Master of the Horse, of all that new building near Wallingford House, commonly called Pickering House, together with the Tilt Yard adjoining, for his better accommodation upon his attendance on the King at Court. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 116.]

July 21. Treasury Chambers, Whitehall. Report by the Treasury Commissioners to the King. We have considered the proposal made to us by John Kilby, late collector of hearth money for co. Bucks, as also another proposal of his to Col. Gifford, about an arrear of the said money due to his Majesty from Kilby, which his Majesty has bestowed on Col. Gifford, towards payment of his debt. We find little difference between the proposals, and Mrs. Gifford desires that she and her husband may make an agreement with Kilby, without our interposition, it being more satisfactory to her husband's creditors, and that Kilby may remain under restraint meantime, and then be discharged of the said debt; we think this may be done by letters of privy seal, if your Majesty thinks fit. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 263, *No.* 46.]

July 21. Chatham. J. Wilson, storekeeper, to the Navy Commissioners. I beg leave of absence for a week, my wife being ill, and advised by her physician to take change of air. I doubt not but my instruments will double their diligence in my absence. [*Ibid. No.* 47.]

July 21. Bedford. Sir Geo. Carteret to the Navy Commissioners. I return Mr. Dering's paper, with another signed by him, little differing from that sent, which I hope you will like; but if not, pray return them with your exceptions. [*Ibid. No.* 48.] *Encloses,*

> *Considerations by the Navy Commissioners, leading them to admit Mr. Dering's pretences to satisfaction for goods provided by him at Hamburg for his Majesty's use in* 1664; *with note that the paper was cancelled* 24 *July* 1669, *Sir Geo. Carteret having proposed and signed another, in which the whole was abundantly implied.* [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 48 I.]

July 22. Whitehall. M. Wren to Pepys. Let Capt. Crow, of the *Henrietta* yacht, be fitted with a mast, having sprung his own in a voyage from Scotland. Let this be done at once, as the vessel is of everyday use, and his Majesty is speaking of going to Sheerness next week. [*Ibid. No.* 49.]

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July 22. Chatham Dock. Ph. Pett to the Navy Commissioners. I am sorry you are not satisfied about the 40 shipwrights entered; if they are discharged, there are none here to be had, unless by a press warrant. I perceive a general discontent among them, from having heard that they were to be discharged at the beginning of the winter; but I satisfied them that I knew nothing of it, and that the report was false. If the new ship is not launched with all speed, her main keel will be rotten, which will be a great prejudice to the King, and disreputable to the dock. [1¾ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 263, *No.* 50.]

July 22. Chatham. Edw. Gregory to the Navy Commissioners. I concur with Mr. Pett and his assistant that it was impossible to procure the number of shipwrights out of this or the neighbouring towns, without admitting many formerly discharged; instance of a case in support of it. It would be well to enter 20 of the discharged men. [*Ibid. No.* 51.]

July 22. Warrant to the Duke of Albemarle, steward of Hampton Court, to admit John Herne as tenant of a parcel of land of 6 acres, enclosed out of the common adjoining to Teddington town's end, belonging to the manor of Hampton Court, in case John Pope, who now holds it, was installed in it by ——— Phelps, who purchased it from the usurpers. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 114.]

July 22. Warrant to George, Duke of Buckingham, Master of the Horse, to provide 6 horses to be sent to George William, Duke of Brunswick and Luneburg, who has lately presented the King with a good number of stags out of Germany. With note that on 7 Aug. another warrant was drawn for 12 horses. [*Ibid.*]

July 22. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect as his letter to Hickes of the 19th. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 263, *No.* 52.]

July 22. Weybridge. Col. Ant. Buller to Rob. Francis. Pray procure me a reference by the time I return from the country on Tuesday, or I shall receive prejudice. [*Ibid. No.* 53.]

July 22. Sir Phil. Musgrave to Williamson. I encouraged some persons, by Lord Arlington's commands, to give intelligence of the Nonconformist meetings, and disbursed some money therein, and such letters as came over were sent to you; but receiving no advice or instruction in return, I have since sent to my correspondents to discontinue their intelligence, unless they meet with anything considerable. The enclosed contains something so scandalous and base, if not dangerous, that I could not suffer it to rest in my hands. I am rejoiced to find the Nonconformists are discovered to be as I ever accounted them, though there may be some mistake as to the number or danger of them in Carlisle. I was glad of his Lordship's letter, and while I have employment, which age makes me grow daily unfit for, I shall be faithful to the trust reposed in me. [1¼ *pages. Ibid. No.* 54.] *Enclosing,*

H. W. [Wm. Haggett] to [Sir Philip Musgrave]. I was shown a letter by Mr. Cocks, wherein the writer said the face of things in London, with regard to meetings, began to look

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very sad, as since the King went to view the several ports near London, they had imprisoned Mr. Baxter, the eminent preacher, who used to have upwards of 1,500 *at his meetings; but the rest continue to hold their meetings, and are very numerous. Geo. Harwood told me that Hen. Blacket, the Anabaptist, asserted he had heard from his London correspondents that a gentlewoman was trepanned and brought to a place in the City, where the King and* 3 *others had dealings with her contrary to her will, and that she died within* 12 *hours after. Another asserted there would be such an overturning of the state of things, between this and Michaelmas, as was never experienced in their lives.*

Cocks is as much bent as ever to keep up his meeting, and says if they come by hundreds, they shall be welcomed. I hear that the King is much blamed for not putting the laws into execution against persons using private meetings, and that he sent for Mr. Kiplin, a considerable merchant, and two other chiefs of the Anabaptists, and was very familiar with them; but informed them that, as he could not give any further protection, he wished them to forbear. Cocks has been with Sir Thos. Liddell, to whom he always goes when he hears anything considerable, as also have Gower, Parker, Swan, Joblin, and others. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 263, *No.* 54I.]

July 23. Whitehall.

Petition of the inhabitants of Taunton, co. Somerset, to the King, for a revival or regrant of their former charters and privileges, with such alterations and additions as are desired in papers annexed. The late King, in the second year of his reign, created Taunton a corporation; but by the late Act for regulating corporations, several members of the society were displaced, and no others being sworn in their stead, the powers and privileges granted by the patent have ceased to exist. With order thereon to the Attorney-General, in favour of the restoration of the charter, but he is to consider of provisions and restrictions to be made in the new charter, that the petitioners may remember hereafter better to deserve his Majesty's grace than they have formerly done, and to take care that all officers and members of the corporation are persons of loyalty and sobriety. [*Ibid. No.* 55.] *Annexing,*

Lord Poulett, Sir John Sydenham, and 10 *others to the King. The town of Taunton is very populous, and equal to any in the west of England, being one of great trade, and where the assizes are held; yet there is no officer above a constable, although it formerly had a mayor and a justice of the peace. We think that the town should be incorporated, with such powers as his Majesty shall think fit, apprehending that the late miscarriage there has proceeded from the want of an authority suitable to the government of a place so great for trade and commerce, and where so many persons reside or resort.*—5 *July* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 55I.]

Sir John Vaughan [*Chief Justice*] *and Sir John Archer* [*Justice of the Common Pleas*] *to Lord Keeper Bridgman, to the*

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same effect. We find that the benefit of the charter granted by Charles I. has been lost by some late disorders there, which proceeded from the inferior sort of people, more for the want of a magistracy than from any disaffection to the Government, and that it will be for his Majesty's service to restore the town to its former decency and countenance. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 263, *No.* 55II.]

Heads of the charter granted by Charles I., upon the petition of the burgesses and inhabitants of the borough of Taunton. [1½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 55III.]

Heads of the alterations and additions desired by the inhabitants of Taunton to be inserted in their charter. [*Ibid. No.* 55IV.]

Four reasons why the inhabitants of Taunton desire to be incorporated. [*Ibid. No.* 55V.]

Report of Attorney-General Palmer, on the petition of Taunton for incorporation, that all the officers and members of the corporation shall take the oath of allegiance and supremacy; that the approbation of the recorder and town clerk shall be reserved to his Majesty; and that power shall be reserved to him to dissolve the corporation, and disfranchise any member at pleasure, though the petitioners desire it may only be upon misbehaviour or demerit.—23 *Oct.* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 55VI.]

Form of a proposed warrant for a bill to pass the Great Seal, for incorporating the burgesses and inhabitants of the borough and town of Taunton and the parish of St. Mary Magdalen, Somerset, into one body, by the name of the mayor, aldermen, and burgesses of the borough of Taunton; granting and confirming their former charters, liberties, and privileges, with such alterations and additions as are mentioned in the above papers.—*Dec.* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 55VII.]

July 23. Entry of the preceding reference of the Taunton petition. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 54.]

July 23. Warrant for a grant annexing the Deanery of St. Burian, co. Cornwall, and diocese of Exeter, to the bishopric of Exeter, to be held by Antony, the present bishop, in as ample manner as by Dr. Weekes, the late incumbent. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 263, *No.* 56.]

[July 23.] Minute of the above. [*Ibid. No.* 57.]

July 23. Entry of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 29, *p.* 107.]

July 23. Order to the Ordnance Commissioners to deliver to Col. Russell 3 waggons, 7 barrels of powder, a large tent for 80 soldiers of the King's guard, a tent for the officers, &c. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 20, *p.* 200.]

July 23. Pass for 8 horses for Mr. Borush. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 160.]

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July 23. Pass for 6 horses for the Marshal de Crequy. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 160.]

July 23. Warrant to Sir Stephen Fox to pay 500*l.* each to John, Earl of Lauderdale, Henry, Lord Arlington, and Anthony, Lord Ashley, out of 1,500*l.* directed to be paid to him 8 May last, by Lord Ashley, treasurer for prizes. [*Ibid.*]

July 23. Grant of denization to Jacob, Joshua, Moses, and Abraham Bueno Henriques, and Samuel Alvares, natives of Bayonne. Minute. [*Ibid. f.* 161.]

Docquet of the above, dated 5 August. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 74.]

July 23. Whitehall. Warrant for a pardon with restitution to Thos. Moore, for feloniously striking Thos. Cooke a wound which occasioned his death, he having struck him as a sentinel in discharge of his duty. With note ordering the pardon, with a *non-obstante* of the statute of 13 Rich. II. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 263, *No.* 58.]

July 23. Entry of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 161.]

July 23. Licence for the High Sheriff of Cumberland to be absent from his county. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, *f.* 26.]

July [23]. Plymouth Sound. Sir Thos. Allin to Williamson. The bad weather and south winds brought Sir Edw. Spragg to St. Helen's Road, without the *Golden Hand* storeship, whereupon I ordered Capt. Thos. Darcy in the *Dartmouth* to go for the Downs, and to look in at all places on his way, and if he found the *Centurion* and another, to make all haste for Cadiz. I came to Plymouth to take Lord Howard, and found he went on Saturday to Mr. Howell's, but despatched a letter, and hope to have him on board and to sail this day, as it is a pity to lose the good wind. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 263 *No.* 59.]

July 23. Plymouth. John Clarke to Williamson. Sir Thos. Allin, with 12 men-of-war, a fireship, and 2 ketches, put into Plymouth on Wednesday, but came not ashore, and has since sailed again. Yesterday Lord Howard, the Ambassador, with his train, embarked in the *Mary Rose* ketch, and another ship that waited on him. Sir Edw. Spragg, with the remainder of Sir Thos. Allin's fleet, did not touch here. [*Ibid. No.* 60.]

July 23. Plymouth. Same to Hickes. To the same effect. Asks for a copy or two of the proclamations relating to the Post Office affair. [*Ibid. No.* 61.]

July 23. Whitehall. Report of the Duke of Buckingham, and 7 others of the Council of Trade, to the King, on the petition of Geo. Herriott, cold presser of woollen manufacture. You appointed a committee to receive the proposals of the petitioner, and to hear what objections could be made against him by others engaged in the art of cloth pressing; he affirms that—having lived in Holland 18 years, and observed how much, after they have bought English woollen cloth, they raise its esteem by a certain way of cold pressing unknown in his Majesty's dominions—he has become expert in the said art, and, being the sole operator in England, asks a patent for 14 years for bringing over the invention.

The committee having made their report, we find that the way of hot pressing woollen manufacture is practised, though contrary to the laws, but it is necessary and useful, and not prejudicial to the cloth; yet that if a better way of cold pressing can be found, the inconveniences of staining by rain, &c., to which the hot press renders the cloth liable, will in a great measure be prevented; and as it will be an encouragement to other ingenious inventions, and the petitioner does not propose to hinder any other man from using any other kind of cold press which has hitherto been made use of, we suggest the granting of such a patent as counsel at law shall suggest, with proviso that no heat be used therein.

With reference thereon to the Attorney-General Palmer, and his report that the patent may be granted for the term asked, subject to the insertion of a proviso for revoking it, if it shall appear prejudicial to the public, or not a new invention.—6 Aug. 1669. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 263, *No.* 62.]

July 23. Entry of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 53.]

July 23. Plymouth. John Lanyon to the Navy Commissioners. I send you the accounts of provisions in store, and of the disposal of old rope, masts, &c., which concludes the whole affair under my charge at this port. The omissions are but 16*l.* 12*s.* 2*d.*, due to many people. I hope you will allow them, to prevent farther clamour. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 263, *No.* 63.]

July 23. Chatham. Capt. Edw. Moorcock and John Moore to the Navy Commissioners. We have the wreck as far on shore as is desired, and although much shattered, she may be made to swim at a small charge . We are preparing to attempt another lying in the Channel. We hear nothing of the 12 tuns of beer ordered; let it be hastened down, as that received with the last victualling is very nearly expended. [*Ibid. No.* 64.]

July 24. Chatham. J. Wilson to the Navy Commissioners. I find in Mason's contract that 330 loads of timber is to be marked out of a greater parcel, by a person appointed by you. Let me know the person, and his mark, as timber is brought in daily, and it will be hard hereafter to settle any differences that shall happen. [*Ibid. No.* 65.]

July 24. Sam. Pepys to the Navy Commissioners. This Board not having received the least intimation, for several months back, from the Commissioners of Accounts, touching any further supplies towards satisfying them, I conceive it unsafe for the Board to forbear longer doing their part. I advise that you should forthwith resolve either upon some joint answer to the said Commissioners, in defence of the office, by laying before them the true grounds of its incapacity to satisfy them, or leave each man to do himself right therein. The Board ordered, as to the list of ships employed since the beginning of the war, that their respective clerks should meet to adjust their several lists, according to the form in which my own was tendered. The clerks met, but the lists sent in were so imperfect that we seem

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as far from being able to answer the Commissioners on that point as we were 12 months since. This appears to me a matter of unanswerable reproach to the office, so I beg leave to renew my motion. [2 *pages.* *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 263, *No.* 66.]

July 24. Portsmouth Ropeyard. Gregory Peachy to the Navy Commissioners. I send quarterly books for the ropeyard, and pray that the monthly books may be returned or cancelled. [*Ibid. No.* 67.]

July 24. Chatham Dock. Capt. Wm. Rand to the Navy Commissioners. I beg leave of absence for 5 or 6 days, having business in East Kent. I must go to the Downs where, if I can do any service, I shall be most willing. [*Ibid. No.* 68.]

July 24. Certificate by Rich. Reynell, of Surgeons' Hall, that John Bishop, late surgeon, and John Grundy, present surgeon of the *Mary*, have received their free gift and imprest money. [*Ibid. No.* 69.]

July 25. Rainham. Lord Townshend to James Halsall, Green Mews, Charing Cross. I enclose papers respecting John Blancher. As he is such a rogue, and is confined for murder, I do not think his evidence worth much, as to Major Wildman being the man that gave the stroke, but I believe, if forced, he would confess who did it. Blancher had sentence of death pronounced against him at Norwich, but the execution was stayed through a defect in the law.

I desire speedy proceedings may be taken against him, if any are contemplated, as it is a great charge to keep him; many people come to the grate every day, pretending to have law from him, and give him money, although his education was no more than that of a journeyman shoemaker.

Wildman was at Norwich the other day, with others of his principles, and was very open and high; I heard it proved at the sessions, against one of the chiefest and most popular Quakers, that he should say, "Neighbour, are you whetting your scythe against harvest? You had more need whet your sword." And being asked why, he answered, "Do ye hear nothing of wars begun or to be begun?" I know there is small encouragement to appear in any concerns of this nature, but as you are Scoutmaster General, it is fit you should know all things, and make discovery if permitted so to do. If the papers enclosed are of no use, let them be kept until I come to town. Endorsed [by Williamson], "The letter which gave occasion to the unkindness between Lords Arlington and Townshend." [*Ibid. No.* 70.] *Annexing,*

> *Rob. Lulman to* [*Lord Townshend*]. *Besides the evidence enclosed against Blancher* [*or Blanchard*], *Mr. Palmer and Mr. Brook heard him say that he was upon the scaffold, and saw the King spurn the chains with his foot that were fastened to the scaffold to bind him, after he had asked what they were for. That he saw him deliver his George and Garter to Dr. Juxon, giving him charge to keep them for his son; that Wildman was upon the scaffold, and helped him up, and that Wildman knew very well who was the King's executioner.*

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Blancher asked the gaoler what your lordship would do with him; and upon being answered, hang him up, he replied that several great persons should be hung with him, and that at his death, he would make such a sermon as never was made in England. There was found in his pocket 19*l.* 14*s.* 6*d., and as he attempted to escape, he has been removed over to the gaol, and a guard placed night and day over him, at the expense of the gaoler, who hopes to be allowed it out of the money found upon Blancher. I cannot find out to whom Wildman spoke the words that I informed Sir Peter Gleane of, but I will be very industrious to give your lordship a better account.*—20 *July, Norwich.* [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 263, *No.* 70I.]

Information of Rich. Wright. I went to the gaol of Norwich in 1656 *upon business, and hearing that Jno. Blancher, a cordwainer of Norwich, was in the gaol, I desired to see him. On some discourse, he told me that he had the King's waistcoat, gloves, and garters that he wore on the scaffold, and that he was there in disguise. That he was very intimate with Bradshaw, and had many times ridden with him in his coach, as also with Oliver St. John, a pretended judge of Oliver Cromwell's, and Judge Ask, or Ascue, who had his lodgings in Holborn; and that out of the room where Blancher and Ask met, there was a room with a private door, descending a pair of stairs, by and through which Blancher had his common regress.—Christ Church Close, Norwich,* 15 *July* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 70II.]

Account of the murders, felonies, perjuries, and other misdemeanours of John Blancher, a condemned prisoner in the city gaol.

1. *In* 1646 *he was convicted for a common barrator, and fined* 100*l. and one year's imprisonment; the bailiffs going to arrest him, he killed Robert Cooke, and then fled, but was retaken and tried, when the jury gave a special verdict.*
2. *The next sessions he was indicted for the murder of Wm. Henry, and a true bill found, but he broke from gaol before the trial, and was not taken for several years after, and not until after the evidence for the King was dead; but he was outlawed for felony. During the time of his escape, he went by the name of Browne, and was very great with Lords Bradshaw and Ask, who murdered the King, has been often seen riding in the same coach with them, and was also servant to Bradshaw at the time of the King's trial.*
3. *He had the waistcoat, stockings, garters, and roses that the King wore the day he was murdered, and has been seen to wear them in gaol.*
4. *In* 1660, *Christopher Jay and John Man, justices of the peace, went and examined him as to how he came by the things belonging to the late King, when he confessed that he was upon the scaffold and saw the King ripped up, and*

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had his heart in his hand, but that he bought the things of the surgeon. Being charged with being the wretch that gave the fatal stroke, he denied it, but said Wildman was the man. It is therefore verily thought, that if Blancher was not the man that gave the dismal stroke, he was yet one of the rogues that was with a vizor and a frock upon the scaffold.

5. *Soon after this examination, he again broke from gaol, and was gone some time, but was retaken in London, and brought back.*
6. *He broke gaol and made his escape the third time, and was again apprehended for misdemeanours against some justices of peace in Suffolk, and being indicted for his escapes, and convicted at the sessions held at Norwich in* 1667, *judgment of death was pronounced against him.*
7. *He also stands convicted of perjury, and subornation of perjury, and many other misdemeanours not fitting to be named.—Norwich,* 1668. [1½ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 263, *No.* 70iii.]

Information of Capt. Edw. Quick, that Edw. Tensh, sen., by his own relation, was upon the scaffold the day the King was murdered, and that he produced 4 *staples in the Globe Tavern at Houndsditch, which he said were to have been knocked into the rails, for cords to manacle the King's hands and feet, so as to draw him down, if he had not yielded to lay down his head to the block quietly. Also information of Ann Kensall that she was in the house of Edw. Tensh the elder when he came from the murder, and saw him produce the staples that were to have been used to force his Majesty down to the block, in case he had not submitted; and that upon asking Tensh what his Majesty said, he made answer that he thought the King took no notice of them; he further said that Colonel Cobbit's heart failing him to deliver up the King to the executioner, Tensh took upon himself to deliver him up instead, and that she also saw some of the mourning, and the King's collar and shirt with the blood upon it, which collar Tensh sold for* 4*l. or* 5*l.* [*Copy. Ibid. No.* 70iv.]

July 25. Deal. Rich. Watts to Williamson. The *Leopard* and another have arrived from the Straits, and report as if the Grand Seignior was called in question for the loss of so many men against Candia. The *Loyal Bartlett* has also come in from Virginia. There is now more news at home than abroad, by reason of the great discontent of the separated party, especially the Presbyterians, who are much troubled at the late proclamation. [*Ibid. No.* 71.]

July 25. Commission to Thos. Peyton to be ensign to Capt. Rob. Walters. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 20, *p.* 200.]

July 25. Hulk, Catwater, Plymouth. John Garratt, boatswain, to the Navy Commissioners. The hulk requires repairing and calking, having been in Catwater 4 years, and not had any carpenter's work done to her, except on a very great storm, having had 3 ships on board of her at that time, which broke her upper works and timber heads. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 263, *No.* 72.]

July 25. Portsmouth Dockyard. Abra. Ansley to the Navy Commissioners. The *Centurion* and others arrived, the former leaving an anchor and cable in the Downs. The *Golden Hand* cannot proceed without repairs, and will be ordered into harbour. I send an account of stores come in the hoy for Sir Thos. Allin, which I have ordered on board the *Centurion* and *Dartmouth*, the *Golden Hand* not being able to take them in. [*Ibid. No.* 73.]

July 25. Portsmouth. Capt. Ant. Deane to the Navy Commissioners. The *Golden Hand* has arrived at Spithead, and the commander, thinking it utterly unsafe to proceed until she is mended, has run her into the harbour. We hope to be pardoned for repairing her without orders, as the whole fleet will want if she miscarries, and what is wanted will be done before any order can arrive. [*Ibid. No.* 74.]

July 25. Whitehall. M. Wren to Pepys. The *Leopard* has arrived in the Downs, and orders are sent her to make all possible haste to Chatham. Take care that all is ready for paying her off, she having already put the King to more charges than is fitting. [*Ibid. No.* 75.]

July 25. The *Roebuck*, Downs. Capt. George Liddell to the Navy Commissioners. The *Centurion* and several merchantmen in the Downs went out, and were forced by the very blowing weather to leave anchors and cables behind them; my own bower cable has been broken. I send a demand for stores, and my boatswain will tell you our wants. The *Leopard* is here, having but 4 days' provisions aboard. I have ordered the victualler at Dover to issue 14 days' more for her 170 men. [*Ibid. No.* 76.]

July 25. Narrative by Ant. Stephens, touching several parcels of tickets suspected to have been paid by Mr. Fenn, before and after the Earl of Anglesey's suspension, amounting to 18,000*l.* or 19,000*l.* [*Ibid. No.* 77.]

July 26. Memorandum of books, abstracts, and accounts demanded by Sir Jer. Smith of Sir Wm. Penn. [*Ibid. No.* 78.]

July 26. *Monmouth* yacht, Minehead. Capt. W. Faseby to the Navy Commissioners. Pray order me a suit of sails, my old ones having been at the yards two years, and I having no spare ones. [*Ibid. No.* 79.]

July 26. Chatham Dock. Ph. Pett to the Navy Commissioners. I cannot give any account of the timber Mr. Lawrence is ordered to view, the persons concerned being from home. Several large pieces of timber contracted for with Mr. Mason are yet remaining in the country, and cannot be brought to the waterside till converted and made fit for land carriage, which is to be done at his Majesty's charge, and by whom you may appoint. Let it be done, as the timber is wanted for the new ship, and let the provisions and warrants for entering and pressing men formerly demanded be supplied. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 80.]

July 26. Warrant to Sir John Howell, Recorder, and the Sheriffs of London, to release John Durnell, sentenced at the Old Bailey sessions to

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transportation, John Turner, on whose evidence he was convicted, having declared on his deathbed that he swore falsely; Durnell is to give sufficient security for his good behaviour, and to be inserted in the next pardon for poor convicts at Newgate, but left out in the proviso for transportation. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 28, *f.* 27.]

July 26. Pass for 10 horses to Alderman Backwell. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 162.]

July 26. Whitehall. Reference to the Treasury Commissioners of the petition of Sam. Mearne, for payment of 1,104*l.* 6*s.* 0*d.* due to him out of the Great Wardrobe. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 55.]

July 26. Whitehall. Reference to the Treasury Commissioners of the petition of Nath. Booth, for abatement of 280*l.* 18*s.* 7*d.*, expended by him as receiver-general of the Additional Royal Aid in the city and county of Chester, for collecting the same. [*Ibid.*]

July 26. Jos. Wood, mayor, and 21 other aldermen and burgesses of Sudbury, Suffolk, to the King. Having chosen John Catesby, gentleman, to the office of town clerk and clerk of the peace, and conformed to the statute of 13 Chas. II. for regulating corporations, we crave your Majesty's approbation of our choice. [22 *signatures. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 263, *No.* 81.]

July 26. Pendennis. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. A ship from Norway has arrived with masts for Liverpool, and one or two Frenchmen with glass. Sir Thos. Allin's fleet passed in sight of this place. [*Ibid. No.* 82.]

July 26. Portsmouth. Charles Collier, for Hugh Salesbury, to Williamson. The *Centurion* and 3 others are riding at Spithead. The *Golden Hand* storeship, being found leaky, is coming in to be repaired, when she will follow after the fleet, with the ships before mentioned. [*Ibid. No.* 83.]

July 26. Yarmouth. [Ann Bower] to Williamson. Arrival of ships. About 140 light vessels are riding in the roads, bound for Newcastle. Some vessels from Iceland "with full voyages of fish," report the loss of 2 Yarmouth vessels there; also that another was set upon by a ship of Denmark, which pretended to have the Danish King's commission, and took away several goods, but was captured by one of the King's ships, acting as convoy to the Iceland vessels. We are in no fear of further danger by the plague, all continuing well in the house shut up, and on board the vessel. [*Ibid. No.* 84.]

July 26/Aug. 5. Breda. Dr. Wm. Allestree to Rob. Francis. As Sir John Coventry will attend you from here with all the news, you are not to expect any from me. [*Ibid. No.* 85.]

July 27. Brooke House. Lodowick Lloyd to [Williamson]. The bearer, Capt. Rob. Everard, is the person for whom you promised assistance in getting such a reference, on his petition to Lord Arlington, as should procure him his salary and disbursements, due for services at the port of Dover. The captain has been summoned before our Commissioners at Brooke House, and gave great proof of his fidelity in his employment. There is also some money due to me. [*Ibid. No.* 86.]

July 27. Sir Denis Gauden to the Navy Commissioners. I attended Sir Jeremy Smith in the examination of accounts concerning the

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victualling, and he has spent several days therein. Pray appoint a day for perfecting them; as many have passed the examination of [Wm.] Burroughs, I pray that he may attend with his books and papers relating to them, for greater despatch, in order that I may not be put to the expense of more time. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 263, *No.* 87.]

July 27. M. Wren to Pepys. The *Katherine* yacht having returned from sea, and there being likely to be sudden occasion for her again, I desire you will move the Board to give order for her repair. [*Ibid. No.* 88.]

July 27. Portsmouth. Capt. Ant. Deane to the Navy Commissioners. I can neither guess at the person, nor the intention, of those who informed you of my misemploying stores and men; particulars of their appropriation. Had I not stayed for deals, the *Fairfax* and *Advice* would have been ready to launch; if I had not had so many ships to repair, I should have employed the men on the new ship. The *Golden Hand* has come in, and must have a new rudder, which shall receive all despatch. Particulars of timber, &c., required. Consult Commissioner Tippetts about removing the old hulk, as she drops away, and costs the King double her worth. [3 *pages. Ibid. No.* 89.]

July 27. Portsmouth. St. J. Steventon to the Navy Commissioners. I delivered the 2 bundles of paper to Capt. Bowen of the *Centurion,* who is here with the *Dartmouth, Welcome,* and *Golden Hand,* wanting repairs. Shall they be put into petty warrant until their departure? [*Ibid. No.* 90.]

July 27. Chatham. Dan. Bowtwell to [Pepys]. I send the names of 10 calkers pressed and commanded down to the works here, who made no appearance. [*Ibid. No.* 91.]

July 27. Renewed warrant to Rob. Jacques, high sheriff of Kent, to forbear execution of sentence on John Sharpe, convicted at the assizes for Kent of the murder of George Whitfield. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 162.]

July 28. Warrant for the *Love's Increase* of Hull, and the *Charity* of Hull to be made free for the Norway trade. Minute. [*Ibid. f.* 160.]

July 28. Grant to Jonas Moore of the office of Surveyor of Ordnance, in the room of Fras. Nicholls, deceased; fee, 2*s.* a day. Minute. [*Ibid. f.* 162.]

July 28. Commissions for Thos. Preston to be ensign to Sir Walter Vane, and Rich. Ball ensign to Capt. Manley. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 20, *p.* 200.]

July 28. Pembroke. John Powell to Williamson. There have 16 colliers arrived for coals. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 263, *No.* 92.]

July 28. Same to Hickes. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 93.]

July 28. [Lieut.-Col.] Rich. Wigmore to [Williamson]. I send the names of 8 persons who were to have a share with us patentees in the Irish lottery; there are 2 others not yet named. If more are recommended, we shall be in a worse condition than we expected; I beg you will prevent it, as both you and Lord Arlington promised to do. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 263, *No.* 94.]

July [28]. Note that the patentees are satisfied to admit the said persons to a half or a third of a whole share, but they crave that no more may be admitted. [*Ibid. No.* 95.]

July 28. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Williamson. Sir Thos. Allin's fleet passed the harbour; the *Welcome* has arrived, bound for Ireland, and the *Fortune*, laden with deals for Bristol, has left with a pilot. [*Ibid. No.* 96.]

July 28. Coventry. Ralph Hope to [Williamson]. The assizes were held at Warwick and Coventry last week, when several Nonconformists, amongst whom was Dr. Wild, were indicted for keeping conventicles. The proclamation proclaimed on Friday has little effect upon the refractory conventiclers; though they forbore to go in their usual public manner to Leather Hall, yet they held several large meetings in other places in town, and seemed to deride the proclamation. Some petty robberies have been committed, and Rich. Bourke—pretending to be of the Guards, and in Sir Philip Howard's house, and going for Ireland, where he has a family—was seized and committed to prison, upon suspicion of being a highwayman, and concerned in a plot to rob Capt. [Rob.] Manley, Lieut.-Governor of Jersey, with his lady and a gentleman, who were in a coach on their way from London, and for being connected with 2 other highwaymen, named [John] Castles and [Humble] Ashenhurst. Particulars of the attempt, &c. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 97.]

July 28. Hull. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. Some few cases have been tried by Baron Turner, and a soldier, condemned for murdering his comrade, has been since executed. A Swede has sailed for Stockholm, laden with cloth, &c., and several vessels have come in. I hear from Bridlington that 200 sail of light colliers passed by to the northward, and that another laden with coals, from Flamborough Head, foundered in the sea, but the men escaped. [*Ibid. No.* 98.]

July 28. Reference to the Lord Keeper of the petition of Ant. Weeks, brother and executor of the late Thos. Weeks, for a commission of review, to determine some points in difference in the administration of his will. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 56.]

July 29. Reference to the Bishop of Oxford of the petition of Sir Thos. Penniston, for the perpetual advowson of Cornwell rectory, co. Oxon. [*Ibid. p.* 55.]

[July 29.] Warrant for a grant to James Butler of Lincoln's Inn, in reversion after Henry Wynn of the Inner Temple, of the office of steward of the Court of Westminster Palace, and of the Court of the Marshalsea of the Household. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 263, *No.* 99.]

July 29. Minute of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 163.]

July 29. Dover. Jo. Carlile to Williamson. I hear by two gentlemen from Calais that the Turks were beaten before Candia, and that the Christians were in pursuit of them, hoping to drive them out of that country.

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I hope to get you a correspondent at Calais. Pray put Lord Arlington in mind of my having paid Mr. Desborough's debt, and of the money disbursed for the scout boat. I think I shall never get my own salary out of Mr. Blaney's hands, without petitioning his Majesty and the Commissioners at Brooke House; as my accounts have been allowed by the Commissioners for Prizes, and I have cleared all objections long since, I beg your influence in obtaining its restoration from Blaney. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 263, *No.* 100.]

July 29. Chatham. Edw. Gregory to the Navy Commissioners. The *Leopard* having arrived at Chatham, I mustered her company, and the purser says the books will be ready to-morrow. I ask leave of absence, the Governors of the Chest being obliged, by the bad payments of several of their tenants, to employ me to put them in mind of their neglect. [*Ibid. No.* 101.]

July 29. Woolwich. Capt. W. Hannam and John Rudd to the Navy Commissioners. We have used some chests of powder, which have taken good effect upon wrecks named. The north shore is almost cleared, there being only part of a pink remaining, which we hope to remove next spring tide. We entreat a supply of money. [*Ibid. No.* 102.]

July 29. Portsmouth. Capt. Ant. Deane and Abr. Ansley to the Navy Commissioners. The commander and officers of the *Golden Hand* declare that the ship was calked all over 3 months ago, since which time they have had exceeding hot weather, which is the cause of the shrinking of the upper works, and this could not be repaired without further order. We hope to have her finished by to-morrow. [1½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 103.]

July 29. Portsmouth. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. You have an account of the *Golden Hand* from Capts. Deane and Ansley. By the commander and master calker's discourse, it appears the ship was too much neglected at Chatham; I have given order for taking out her guns, &c., and for her to be brought on shore to be made firm. The *Centurion* and *Dartmouth* having spent a fortnight of their sea victuals, I ordered the victualler to get a further supply ready, and desire to know whether it shall be put on board. [*Ibid. No.* 104.]

July 29. Chatham. Capt. Charles O'Bryen, of the *Leopard*, to the Navy Commissioners. Having brought the remains of the King's provisions from Leghorn, they refused to receive them at Tangier, and I have a certificate from the Governor, who obliged me to bring them to England; I have them in the ship. I spent one week of the provisions for my own use, but was not able to spend more, by reason of the want of weight when boiled, one piece of 4 pounds when raw not weighing one pound when boiled; and although I gave them double allowance, it caused great grumbling, and almost a mutiny. [1¼ *pages. Ibid. No.* 105.]

July 30. Victualling Office. Sir Denis Gauden to the Navy Commissioners. I am charged in the imprest roll brought in last Lent vacation with 26,701*l.*, and in the one brought in July 1669, with 58,601*l.* 2*s.*; for all which

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issue will go out against me, unless my account, now before you, is produced. I pray you will inform Lord Ashley that my accounts are depending before you, and near conclusion, so as to prevent the trouble and charge that will otherwise fall upon me, by reason of my accounts not being carried in to the auditors. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 263, *No.* 106.]

July 30. Plymouth. John Clarke to Williamson. I enclose Mr. Holden's letter; a ship has sailed for New England, and the *Providence* has arrived from Jamaica. [*Ibid. No.* 107.]

July 30. Same to Hickes. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 108.]

July 30. Licence to George, Lord Berkeley, of Berkeley Castle, with his lady and servants, 9 horses, and 40*l.* in money, to go to France. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 115.]

July 31. Warrant to the justices of the sessions at the Old Bailey, to respite the estreating the recognizances of Thos. Bennet, indicted in December 1668, for the death of Thos. Janes, but acquitted on bond for his good behaviour during a year; as he is going into Ireland with Lord Robartes, appointed Lord Lieutenant, he cannot return to appear in December. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 162.]

July 31. Chester. Ma. Anderton to Rob. Francis. I am much indebted for the weekly intelligence. Dean Lingard, Sir George Carteret, Sir Wm. Davies, and Mr. Seagrave, with their attendants, have gone for Dublin, in the pleasure boat commanded by Capt. James Sharland. The *Muscovite* of Amsterdam, laden with lead, has sailed for Nantes; and the *Prudent Mary*, also laden with lead, is ready to sail for Leghorn. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 263, *No.* 109.]

July 31. Bath. Sir G. Talbot to Williamson, his "dear brother of the Bow." I arrived at Bath on Thursday, and find the town exceeding empty, and no person of note there except it be Sir P. Neile's shrimp, who has bound himself apprentice to a mountebank, and intends to put down M. Longueville. I use the bath daily, and shall stay till Friday. [*Ibid. No.* 110.]

July 31. Pembroke. John Powell to Williamson. The *Robert* of Bristol has arrived from the Barbadoes, with sugar, cotton, &c., with the report that St. Christopher is not yet delivered. [*Ibid. No.* 111.]

July 31. Same to Hickes. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 112.]

July 31. Carisbrooke Castle. Sir Rob. Holmes to Williamson. Since my arrival, I have received only one letter from your man; I was in hopes you had ordered him to write me every post, but "out of sight out of mind." I thank you for leaving your coach at my disposal. There is no news. [*Ibid. No.* 113.]

July 31. Names of 12 calkers who deserted from Deptford Yard, with note of the proceedings taken thereon. [*Ibid. No.* 114.]

July 31. Edw. Silvester to the Navy Commissioners. Capt. Ansley, the master attendant, conceives that 150 fathoms is a fit proportion for

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the length of the chain at Portsmouth, and as it lies wasting upon my hands, I will undertake to finish it for 400*l.*, which is under what I before demanded. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 263, *No.* 115.]

July. Order granting the petition of Hugh Jones, deputy Vice-Admiral for Cornwall, that informations brought against him and others, in his Majesty's name, may be stopped from proceeding to trial at the next assizes in Cornwall. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 53.]

July. Court at Whitehall. Petition of Thos. Povey and John Prichard to the King, for the grant of a patent for an engine for raising water, it being an invention and improvement never yet produced in any of his Majesty's dominions, nor in any other parts, from which infinite advantage may arise in draining of mines and grounds, and other considerable services. With reference thereon to the Attorney-General. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 263, *No.* 116.]

July? Petition of Henry Thomas to the King, for relief from the privy purse, being hopeless of anything from the Exchequer; his pension is 70*l.* in arrears; is in debt and has not a penny to buy bread. [*Ibid. No.* 116A.] *Annexing,*

> *Certificate by Sir Rob. Long, auditor of the Exchequer, that 70l. is due to Henry Thomas for 1¾ years arrears of his pension, to Midsummer* 1669. — 2 *July* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 116A I.]

July. Grant to Eustace Burneby, on his petition, of the sole privilege for 14 years of preparing rice and safflower, on rent of 13*s.* 4*d.* a year. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 62.]

July. Warrant to pay to Sir Fras. Vincent, Bart., 2,000*l.* from casual fines and profits in the Duchy of Cornwall, in lieu of a pension of 182*l.*, formerly granted him. [*Ibid. No.* 63.]

[July.] Order for a warrant to pay to Thos. Warren, merchant of London, 1,500*l.*, balance of 5,500*l.* disbursed in his agency to the Emperor of Morocco, and to allow to the Farmers of Customs defalcation for interest at 6 per cent. on the said money advanced by them. [2 *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 263, *No.* 117.]

July. Docquet of the above. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 64.]

July. Whitehall. Warrant for a grant to King Charles' Hospital, St. Margaret's, Westminster, founded by the late King to bring up fatherless children, of 50*l.* a year, which is half of the 100*l.* usually given by the King to the poor of Westminster, the revenue of the hospital being only 100*l.* a year, and half of it lost by the late dreadful fire in London. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 263, *No.* 118.]

July. Warrant for a grant to Edw. Progers, groom of the bedchamber, of the arrears due to the Crown by Thos. Progers, late receiver of hearth

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money for Surrey, he having received 2,027*l.* 14*s.* 9*d.*, and only paid 219*l.* 19*s.* 8*d.*; granted to Progers towards remuneration of 4,000*l.* expended by him for building a lodge at Middle Park, Hampton Court, with full powers for recovery of the same. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 155.]

July. Docquet of the above. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 65.]

July. Warrant to pay to Sir Rob. Vyner 9,400*l.*, the remainder of 25,000*l.* paid by him and the late Sir Thos. Vyner to Sir George Carteret for the Navy, and assigned on the hearth money, but not paid because that revenue was assigned to the city of London. [*Ibid.*]

July. Dispensation to Thos. Willis, M.A., chaplain in ordinary, for his residence at Dinton, *alias* Dunton, co. Bucks, of which he is minister, as long as he serves the vicarage of Kingston-upon-Thames. [*Ibid. No.* 68.]

July. Warrant to the Treasury Commissioners to pay 10,000*l.* to such persons, and for such services, as the King shall direct by sign manual. [*Ibid. No.* 69.]

July. Grant to John, Lord Vaughan, son and heir of the Earl of Carberry, of the profits of the original seal of South Wales, and of the prefines there for 23 years, from 15 Feb. 1677; also of the post fines, &c., for 20 years, from 26 March 1680; reserving the rents, 60*l.* 4*s.* and 74*l.* [*Ibid. No.* 70.]

July. Constitution of Thomas, Lord Richardson, and Fabian Philipps, as receivers of all relief due to the King from all manors, &c., held in soccage before taking away the Court of Wards, or by change of tenure, due on the death of a peer, &c.; also as receivers of all heriots, except those on manors in the King's possession, for 21 years, with allowances to be settled by the Treasury. [*Ibid. No.* 71.]

July. Major Henry Nicoll to the Navy Commissioners. I understand you have taken out a writ, and employed bailiffs to arrest me; but you had no need to proceed that way, for upon notice I would have answered the action, and I have an estate sufficient to make satisfaction. My chief business being to clear myself from all your demands, I shall not stir until I have put a period to all engagements with the Navy Office.

I presume the Surveyor-General and Sir John Mennes, who were at Chatham during my transaction of weighing the ships, will give evidence of my industry and faithfulness, and I know his Majesty will not punish me because unsuccessful, when no means were omitted; also I have a petition before him, that he may be truly informed thereon. I received but 300*l.* from the Navy Office, and would have been contented to pay 1,000*l.* not to have come near it, as through some accidents, his Majesty's intention of doing me a kindness has turned so much to my prejudice. I want the name

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of your attorney, that I may give in my appearance. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 263, *No.* 119.]

July. Proposals by Richard Boys, to clear the river at Woolwich of sunken ships within 12 months for 4,000*l.*, to be paid by instalments as specified, viz., 750*l.* on removal of the first two ships, 750*l.* on the third, and 2,500*l.* when he has removed the *Phœnix*, and cleared the river. With request of payment of 370*l.*, and 36*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.*, bills due to him for repairs of ships and for white oakum. [*Ibid. No.* 120.]

July. *Roe Kitchen,* Holehaven. Jacob Baker, master, to the Navy Commissioners. I desire to be victualled for a month, only having 12 days' provisions aboard. [*Ibid. No.* 121.]

July. Sam. Thorney to the King. In pursuance of your Majesty's commands to me of the dedication of my work, the *Mariners' Magazine*, I have at much cost and peril endeavoured to discover the great concavity in the earth, 4 miles from King Road, Gloucestershire, where the great ships ride, and I find that what has been reported about it is fabulous.

I descended with a mine-man into the cavity 7 fathoms, and found the opening, and we went down by ropes 25 fathoms, and came to a river, or stagnant lake, 20 fathoms broad and 8 deep; then we found another concavity, and the miner descended and called out that he had found what he looked for, a rich mine, but his joy was soon changed to amazement, and he returned terrified, declaring that he had seen an evil spirit, and he will go thither no more.

"The flooring is of white stone, enamelled with lead ore, and the pendent rocks seemed to be glazed with saltpeter, which distilled upon them from above, which time had petrified." After some hours' stay, we ascended without much hurt, but I had an unusual and violent headache 4 days after my return, which I impute to my being in that vault. [2¼ *pages. Ibid. No.* 122.]

July. Account by Sir Chas. Bickerstaffe, one of the clerks of the Privy Seal, of all fees and moneys received by him for Lord Robartes, Lord Privy Seal, from July 1664 to July 1669, being from the time that Mr. Mathews was admitted clerk of the Privy Seal, to the time when the seal was committed to the present Commissioners; total, 197*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.*, whereof each of the 4 clerks is to pay 49*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.* [*Ibid. No.* 123.]

[July.] Table of the stages appointed by the Postmaster-General for conveyance of letters, according to the King's proclamation, issued to enforce the Act for establishing a letter office, the same being daily infringed upon by common carriers of goods.

Noted that "This being the first essay in this matter, the practice thereof may perhaps require some amendments and alterations hereafter." [*Large sheet, printed. Ibid. No.* 124. *See London Gazette, Aug.* 9.]

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Deal.

Lists sent by Morgan Lodge to Williamson, of King's and merchant ships in the Downs, the state of the wind, time of the arrival and departure of mails, &c.:—

Vol. 263. No.	Date.	King's.	Merchant.	Wind.	Mails.		Remarks.
					Arrival.	Departure.	
125	July 1	3	2	S.	—	7	
126	„ 2	3	3	S.W.	—	4	
127	„ 3	3	9	S.	—	—	
128	„ 7?	2	5	S.	—	5	
129	„ 8?	1	10	S.	—	—	
130	„ 9	1	5	S.	—	—	
131	„ 11	2	10	S.	—	—	
132	„ 12	1	11	—	—	—	
133	„ 13	1	14	S.W.	—	—	
134	„ 14	1	9	S.W.	—	—	
135	„ 16	1	12	S.W.	—	½ p. 6	
136	„ 17	1	13	N.W.	—	½ p. 6	
137	„ 18	3	15	W.S.W.	—	—	
138	„ 19	3	15	W.S.W.	—	—	
139	„ 20	3	15	N.E.	—	—	The fleet has all set sail.
140	„ 21	1	—	N.E.	—	—	
141	„ 22	1	—	N.E.	—	—	
142	„ 23	1	3	S.E.	—	—	
143	„ 25	2	5	N.W.	—	—	
144	„ 26	1	5	N.W.	—	—	
145	„ 27	1	5	N.W.	—	—	
146	„ 29	1	—	—	—	—	
147	„ 30	1	—	N. by W.	—	—	
148	„ 31	1	—	W.	—	—	

Aug. 1.
Portsmouth.

Chas. Collier, for Hugh Salesbury, to Williamson. The *Golden Hand*, and the rest of the fleet for the Straits, have gone out to join Sir Thos. Allin. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 263, *No.* 149.]

Aug. 1.
Portsmouth.

Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. We have despatched the works on the *Golden Hand* which, with the *Centurion, Dartmouth,* and *Welcome,* is sailing from Spithead. We want a warrant to press 8 or 10 joiners; also double the number of calkers to be sent from London for two months' work. [*Ibid. No.* 150.]

Aug. 2.

Capt. J. Cox and 3 others to the Navy Commissioners. The *Royal James,* in Woolwich Dock, may be worth 200*l.*, if the purchaser may take down her larboard side equal with the starboard, before she is launched. [*Ibid. No.* 151.]

Aug. 2.
Chatham
Dock.

Ph. Pett to the Navy Commissioners. Mr. Lewsley has 6,000 broom at 50*s.* a thousand. Mr. Lawrence will convert Mr. Mason's uncarriageable timber, but wants money speedily for execution. We have received the tree-nails from Deptford, but the greater part are too small, and we shall be at a stand without a further supply. I will execute the warrant for pressing 20 shipwrights, but am at a loss for house carpenters and bricklayers, to go on with the repairs of the wharves and docks; pray hasten down a warrant to press some of them. I want timber and plank, so that the deck

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of the new ship may be laid and calked before the winter. [2 *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 263, *No.* 152.]

Aug. 2. Chatham Dock. Ph. Pett to the Navy Commissioners. I beg leave of absence for a fortnight through ill-health, being advised by my physician to drink the Epsom waters. I shall order Mr. Lawrence to give constant attendance, that the service may not suffer. [*Ibid. No.* 153.]

Aug. 2. The King to the Attorney-General. On 12 July we granted a lease of the hearth money, duties on licences for retailing wine and strong waters, quit rents, and all other rents in Ireland,—customs and excise excepted,—to John Forth, alderman and sheriff of London, 8 other gentlemen of London and 2 of Dublin, for 7 years, on rent of 91,500*l.*; also the customs on goods imported,—except bullion, alum, and malt, &c.,—and the 5*s.* per ton on French shipping, for 6 years, on rent of 75,000*l.*; also the excise on beer, ale, and strong waters from March 1671, for 4¾ years, rent 53,000*l.* a year; total, 219,500*l.* As the said lessees have advanced 70,000*l.*, and have relinquished their claim to all quit rents granted away before Michaelmas, the sums of 6,252*l.*, 11,378*l.*, 14,773*l.*, and 15,000*l.* yearly are to be deducted from their respective rents. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *ff.* 159, 160.]

Aug. 2. Caveat in favour of the Commissioners of the Ordnance, that nothing pass of the hand-gun maker's place in the Tower. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 32, *p.* 5.]

Aug. 2. Caveat in favour of Mr. Griffin, [page] of the King's backstairs, that no reversion pass of the customer's place at Cardiff after Rich. Gwine. Minute. [*Ibid. p.* 6.]

Aug. 2. Caveat in favour of Sir Edw. Windham and Col. Rob. Phillips, that nothing pass of the estate of Christopher Self and 5 others. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

[Aug. 2.] Draft of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 263, *No.* 154.]

Aug. 2. Petition of Albertus Otto Faber, prisoner in Oxford, to Lord Arlington, for execution of the order of Privy Council that he should be put into the hands of a messenger, and brought to his lordship [*see* 7 *May* 1669]; on a former petition thereon, he was ordered to remain till the sessions were over; he presented himself before court every day during the sessions, but no person appeared against him. [*Ibid. No.* 154A.]

Aug. 2. Whitehall. Order in Council—on petition of Albert Otto Faber, prisoner in Oxford Castle, for release, as nothing was charged against him last assizes, and he has been in prison almost 3 years—renewing the order of 7 May, that he be sent for to London, where Lord Arlington will give orders for sending him on shipboard, to be transported out of the kingdom. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 259, *No.* 202.]

Aug. 2. Pendennis. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. The easterly winds have caused several ships to come in from places named, and three are loading pilchards for the Straits. The ketch that waits on the East India Company's ships has gone out. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 263, *No.* 155.]

Aug. 2. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Hickes. The *Industry* and *Unity* have arrived from Bordeaux, with wine and vinegar, and report that there are

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no Turkish men-of-war upon that coast. The *Ann*, and several others, laden with salt, have also come in, which will much reduce the price; it is now only worth 31*s*. the bushel of 26 gallons. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 263, *No.* 156.]

Aug. 2.
Deal.

Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. The Guestling and Brotherhood for the Cinque Ports held a meeting at New Rumney in Kent; it is as it were the Ports' parliament, as they have an upper and lower house, a speaker, and other formalities the same as at Westminster. Several mayors were clapped into prison and fined, as also some jurats and others, and amongst the rest, the Mayor and 3 jurats of Sandwich, for not executing a former order. Some good laws were passed; no writs from any court in England, except the Exchequer, are to be of force in the Cinque Ports. [*Ibid. No.* 157.]

Aug. 2.
Coventry.

Ralph Hope to Williamson. [Rich.] Bourke, who was imprisoned on the accusation of Capt. Manly of being a highwayman, has been discharged, Manly having recanted, and several letters having been received from London certifying as to Bourke's character. The meetings have increased since the proclamation, and one held at Leather Hall was as full as has ever been known, one Eccleshall being the speaker. There has been such a swarm of flies, that the streets have been covered, and the sky darkened, which is looked at by the superstitious as ominous. Yesterday being Lammas Day, the Chamberlain and others, with a company of 600 or 700 horse, rode the bounds of the common grounds, according to ancient custom, which are then thrown open till Candlemas, and afterwards they gave a feast to all who were present. [*Ibid. No.* 158.]

Aug. 2.
Yarmouth.

Leonard Bower to Williamson. A west country boat laden with coals, striving to keep the shore, struck and was lost, but the men were saved; 200 light colliers have passed north. A ship has arrived from Rotterdam. Pray deliver the enclosed to my father. [*Ibid. No.* 159.]

Aug. 2.
Wrexham.

Capt. R. Manley to his cousin Rob. Francis. I have got well into the country, though not without an encounter, and narrowly escaped being robbed by the highwaymen [John] Cassells and [Humble] Ashenhurst, having eluded them by securing the trepanner in Coventry. "Our governor's letter to Lord Arlington has followed me here, so I return it." My brother Manley is here with me, and I am almost drowned with drinking your health; I shall make more haste than I designed, to save my life, "for I am vanquished with kindness." Do not omit writing, as you promised, to me and Dr. Fiott. [*Ibid. No.* 160.]

Aug. 3.
Plymouth.

John Clarke to Hickes. Arrival of ships from Norway, &c., with deals. [*Ibid. No.* 161.]

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Castle Cornet.

Sir Jonathan Atkins to Williamson. It is said here that swords are being changed into sickles. The French have sent 6 ships into the Mediterranean; M. Beaufort has arrived at Candia, and on his way, took 3 Turks laden with provisions for that island. He has put into a port called Scandia, and waits the arrival of the gallies, when we may expect news. [*Ibid. No.* 161A.]

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Aug. 3. Warrant to pay from the excise 80*l.* a year to John Howland, late registrar of excise, and 60*l.* to John Champante, late correspondent and clerk of the bonds to the Excise Commissioners. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 72.]

Aug. 3. The King to the Master and Fellows of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. We lately wrote letters for restoration of Dan. Scargill, B.A., to the University, and to his Fellowship in your college, on his recantation, which he has performed in a very solemn and ample manner; but you have not restored him to his Fellowship, on our letters, those of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and of your Chancellor, the Earl of Manchester. We require you to do so, any procedure of yours since his recantation to the contrary notwithstanding. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 27, *f.* 149.]

Aug. 3. Woolwich. Capt. W. Hannam and 3 other officers to the Navy Commissioners. We are satisfied that the removing of the frame of the new mast house, to be joined to the storehouse, will not prejudice the wharf, and that sheds may be built for boats, and for landing and shipping of ships' stores. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 263, *No.* 162.]

Aug. 4. Woolwich. Same to the Same. Only the *Katherine* yacht has been lacquered here, and we know not her measure. There is no better sovereign cordial for the tightness and preservation of ships, barks, and boats, than pitch. We cannot censure as to the painting and gilding, having no experience in it. [*Ibid. No.* 163.]

Aug. 4. W. Burroughs to the Navy Commissioners. The list delivered to you by Sir Wm. Penn, on an order of the Commissioners of Accounts, was of all ships and vessels, whether the King's own or hired, that had received or were chargeable with victuals, between Jan. 1665 and Dec. 1667. We have not the accounts of the 16 preceding months, as Penn only entered upon the victualling in Jan. 1666–7. Particulars of the loose manner in which the books left in the Navy Office have been made up; those imperfect relate to Sir Denis Gauden's accounts. I am sorry I have no papers whereby to answer your commands, those by which the former lists were drawn being with Sir Jeremy Smith. With note that Sir Jeremy undertook to procure from the Victualling Office what was desired of Mr. Burroughs. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 164.]

Aug. $\frac{4}{14}$. Lisbon. Thos. Maynard, Consul, to the Navy Commissioners. I hope Sir Rob. Southwell is in London before this time. The *Jerusalem* arrived 5 days since, and I have an order to-day from the Prince, to get the provisions ashore for the use of the fleet; this will take off all pretensions and scruples of our customers. I have hired a magazine for them at 11*l.* a year, but shall not keep it so long. The bill of lading and invoice came not enclosed, as intended, but Capt. Willshire has a bill, which must govern me in giving an acquittance. I shall issue the stores according to orders, and give an account.

The *Foresight* frigate, that brought Don Antonio de Souza, arrived here on the 10th, and sails to-morrow. Capt. Heyward met

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Sir Edw. Spragg the morning he came into this port, off the rock of Lisbon, with the *Garland* and a ketch in his company. Lord Howard is just come to my house, and leaves this evening; he says Sir Thos. Allin was off the rock yesterday. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 263, *No.* 165.]

Aug. 4. Brooke House, Holborn. Order of the Commissioners for taking Accounts, that Wm. Wardour, Clerk of the Pells, furnish an account of all moneys received and paid at the Exchequer, on the Additional Supply and the Eleven Months' Tax, according to a former order of 5 March last, or show cause why he does not do so. [*Ibid. No.* 166.]

Aug. 4. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect as his letter to Hickes of the 2nd. The *Industry* has arrived from Bordeaux, with wine and some passengers from Provence in France, and reports that the French succours have arrived at Candia, made a sally upon the Turks, and caused them to remove their siege. The *Conclusion*, of London, bound for Dublin, has come in, having my Lord Deputy's coach and household goods.* [*Ibid. No.* 167.]

Aug. 4. Thos. Holden to Hickes. To the same effect as part of the above. [*Ibid. No.* 168.]

Aug. 4. Pembroke. John Powell to Williamson. Has no news of any kind. [*Ibid. No.* 169.]

Aug. 4. Warrant for a grant to Thos. Morrice, for good service in advancing the revenue in Ireland, of the lease, for 21 years, of all lands which in 3 years he shall discover to belong to the Crown, amounting to 4,000*l.*, reserving to the Crown one moiety of the benefit thereof, both in rents and fines; the grant to cease if there be any underhand dealing in composition with those to whom the said lands are let. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 163.]

Aug. 5. Earl of Manchester to Lord Arlington. I am willing for Sam. Ball to have a *mandamus* for a foundation fellowship in Peter House, Cambridge. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 263, *No.* 170.]

Aug. 4. Court at Whitehall. The King to the Master and Fellows of St. Peter's College, Cambridge. We have received good testimony of Wm. Bourne, B.A., of your college; and wishing to encourage him, we request you to admit him to the next vacant Fellowship of the ancient foundation, before his time comes to be M.A., any local statute notwithstanding. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 27, *f.* 150.]

Aug. 5. The King to the Master and Fellows of Emanuel College, Cambridge. As the learning and endowments of [Wm.] Makernesse, B.A., scholar of your college, render him worthy of a Fellowship, we require you to admit him thereto, dispensing with the statute that two persons of the same county shall not hold Fellowships at the same time. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 5. Chatham. Sir John Mennes and Capt. John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. We have examined the state of the yards, and find a great jealousy amongst them; they surmise, by our paying the last quarter, that it is the last they are likely to receive of their arrears, and that those arrears between the first and the last will become an old debt. They are so necessitated that they know not how to subsist; as there is money sufficient, we advise payment of a month, which will satisfy the people, and ease his Majesty of the monthly charge of sending down clerks. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 263, *No.* 171.]

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* This is an error, for Lord Lieutenant (see p. 453 *infra*), the Earl of Ossory, Lord Deputy, was appointed in April, 1668 (see *Calendar*, 1667-68, p. 366).

Aug. 5.
Navy Office.
Giles Bond, master of the *Hope* galliot, to [the Navy Commissioners]. The *Hope* is come from sounding of the sands, and is now at Deptford waiting orders. [*Ibid. No.* 172.]

Aug. 6. John Ruffhead to the Navy Commissioners. I request instructions for making anchors for a new ship building at Chatham, as much time will be required to provide them. [*Ibid. No.* 173.]

Aug. 6. Presentation of Thos. Cumber, M.A., to the rectory of Stonegrave, co. York. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 19, *p.* 109.]

Aug. Docquet of the above, dated 11 Aug. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 77.]

Aug. 6. Privy seal for payment of pensions to officers of the Excise who were dismissed on a change in the management in 1668; John Dugdale, Accountant-General, at a salary of 150*l.*, is to have 75*l.*; John Collins, receiver of accounts, salary 100*l.*, 50*l.*; and Thos. Gaywood, registrar's clerk's assistant, salary 80*l.*, 40*l.* [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 263, *No.* 174.]

Aug. Docquet of the above, dated 3 Aug. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 72.]

Aug. 6. Warrant for payment of 20*l.* to Gideon Roger, for embellishing and writing two skins of parchment, for the Emperor of Morocco. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 165.] *Annexing,*

> *Request of Gideon Roger, embellisher, &c., to his Majesty, for allowance for flourishing and writing on* 2 *skins of vellum, which were "curiously wrought in cratisco in high gold," and painting thereon the King's portrait in oil, the same being designed for Lord Henry Howard's embassy to the Emperor of Morocco.—*27 *June* 1669. [*Ibid. f.* 161.]

Aug. 6. Warrant for discharge to Sir John Langham, Bart., of 1,095*l.*, usually paid for the dignity of a baronet. [*Ibid. p.* 165.]

Aug. 6. Order to vacate a warrant to pay to Constance Pley and others the moneys due to them on their several assignments, amounting to 9,904*l.* without account, and to issue one to require Sir G. Carteret or Sir Thos. Player to bring into the Exchequer one of the tallies for 15,000*l.* lodged by Carteret in the hands of Player, which was struck on the Royal Aid, to be cancelled, notifying the same to the Navy officers. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 75.]

Aug. 6. The King to the University of Cambridge. It having pleased God to restore the Duke of Albemarle, general of our forces, to health, after a long and dangerous distemper, through the skill of Wm. Sermon, "to whose cares we owe a health that must ever be so precious to us and to our people," we wish you to grant the said Sermon the degree of M.D., exempting him from all exercises or payment of fees. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, *f.* 26.]

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Aug. 7. Jone Snell to Rob. Francis. Pray send the enclosed to Mr. Snell, as the gentleman to whom I was to have given my letters is gone into the country. I fear I shall trouble you with one or two more. If any letters come to you for me, I shall be at Mr. Pleadal's house, at [Ampney] Holyrood, near Chichester. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 1.]

Aug. 7. Rye. Ja. Welsh to Williamson. I waited on you to acknowledge your favour in promoting my interest, with regard to the petition concerning the ports, to his Royal Highness, which he was pleased to grant; but you being so much employed upon the news of the death of the Queen Mother, I could not see you. There are 4 vessels bound for Bordeaux waiting a fair wind. The sickness is so great at Dieppe that commerce is stopped, and there is consequently no intelligence. [*Ibid. No.* 2.]

Aug. 7. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. Two Dutchmen and a Swede, laden with wine, brandy, and salt, and another from Guinea, have set sail; there are several others outward bound, waiting a fair wind. Excuse my writing to Mr. Williamson, being ill. [*Ibid. No.* 3.]

Aug. 7. Pembroke. John Powell to Hickes. There is no news of any kind. [*Ibid. No.* 4.]

Aug. 7. Same to Williamson. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 5.]

Aug. 7. Thisselwood. Sir Thos. Ingram to Lord [Arlington]. I have examined the person, and laid all the baits I could for a confession, but find nothing material. As however he has been an enemy to the Government, I have taken security for his good behaviour; as he has taken the oaths of allegiance and supremacy, I suggest that he may have his liberty. Endorsed, "Examination of a suspected person about gunpowder." [*Ibid. No.* 6.]

[Aug. 7.] Petition of William, Earl of Marlborough, to the King, for payment of his creation money, and the arrears of the annuity of 100*l.* obtained for him by his late father [James Ley, 1st Earl of Marlborough] when he resigned the Treasurership of England, and now 450*l.* in arrears. Has succeeded to the Earldom on death of his nephew James, late Earl, slain in the Dutch war; but the estate being consumed by loyal services during the rebellion, has only a small tenement of 50*l.* a year and this annuity. [*Ibid. No.* 7.] *Annexing,*

> *Certificate by Sir Rob. Long that the* 20*l. a year creation money, payable to the late Earl of Marlborough, has been paid to March* 1664, *and the* 100*l. a year to March* 1665, *so that on the latter* 450*l. is due.*—12 *Nov.* 1667. [*Ibid. No.* 7I.]

Aug. 7. Reference of the above petition to the Treasury Commissioners. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 56.]

Aug. 7. Reference to the Treasury Commissioners of the petition of the assessors and collectors for the common sewers, for payment of 41*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.* due to them. [*Ibid. p.* 57.]

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Aug. 7. Warrant to Thos. Dixon to apprehend Philip Thorpe for treasonable practices and designs. Minute. [*S P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 166.]

Aug. 7. Chatham. Capt. Edw. Moorcock and John Moore to the Navy Commissioners. We cannot approve of the dismissal of either of the hoys, until we have tried what we can do with 2 heavy and difficult wrecks, which yet lie in this channel. You will receive an account of the affair by Sir John Mennes and Captain Cox; we hope to remove another wreck out of the way next spring [tide]. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 8.]

Aug. 7. Woolwich. Capt. W. Hannam and John Rudd to the Navy Commissioners. We cannot weigh the *House of Swede,* and the pink on the north shore, for want of a good fastening, she being buried in the sands. We have nothing left of the 100*l.* imprest, and want money to defray the week's charge. We intend to fire two chests of gunpowder on the *House of Swede* to-day. [*Ibid. No.* 9.]

Aug. 7. Edw. Silvester to the Navy Commissioners. I crave to be called in to treat with you, concerning the chain I am making at Portsmouth. [*Ibid. No.* 10.]

Aug. 8. Portsmouth. Capt. Ant. Deane to the Navy Commissioners. Proceedings with the work for the new ship. Two hoys full of the frame for her have been received into the yard from the New Forest, and another is lying at Redbridge; so we hope to have it ready to go on the stocks when the other ship is launched. We desire directions as to employing the men to hew the beams in Godshill Wood, near Salisbury, which will not cost above 2*s.* each load, or to order their return when they have finished the frame. The *Fairfax* and *Advice* are nearly ready to launch; we shall then take in the *Gloucester* and *Adventure.* [3 *pages. Ibid. No.* 11.]

Aug. 8. Letter to the Master and Senior Fellows of St. Peter's College, Cambridge, to elect Samuel Ball, M.A., to the next Fellowship of the old foundation that shall be void. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, *f.* 27.]

Aug. 8. The King to Sir Thos. Ingram, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. We have issued a commission under the Duchy seal to Walter, Lord Aston, High Steward of the Honour of Tutbury, and lieutenant of Needwood Forest, and others, to examine into trespasses committed there, in order to prevent abuses in the game and woods, and inquire how the same may be improved. You are to order the said Commissioners to go down immediately, inquire into concealments and encroachments in any of our lands there, the granting of offices since the Restoration, their yearly value, all abuses and wrongs done by such grants, and what improvements have been made in the revenue; the said Commissioners are to have as much power as though the words in their commission were particular and express. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. Draft of the above, dated 6 Aug. [2 *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 12.]

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[Aug. 8.] The King to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. You are to signify to Lord Aston, lieutenant of Needwood Forest, that no trees are to be henceforth felled in that forest on any pretence, there having been great waste of wood by claims of fee trees. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 13.]

Aug. 8. Deal. Rich. Watts [to Williamson]. A ship from Gallipoli reports that the Grand Seignior has died of wounds received from a fall from his horse while hunting. A fish 5 feet long has been caught; by some it was supposed to be a dog-fish, but others considered it a shark, having two sets of teeth in the lower jaw; 27 Hamburghers, outward bound, have been forced in by contrary winds. [*Ibid. No.* 14.]

Aug. 8. Cadiz Road. Sir Edw. Spragg to Williamson. I arrived at Cadiz on the 2nd, and Sir Thos. Allin came in with his squadron yesterday, but they only stay to take in water, and are then off to Algiers, according to instructions. The Admiral of Genoa has also come in, and delivered up voluntarily all the Englishmen he had on board; he reports that the seige of Candia is raised. A French man-of-war also reported that M. Beaufort, going ashore there, was wounded in the arm by a bomb shot into the town. The Sally men-of-war are growing very strong; Capt. Holmes forced a small pink of theirs ashore and captured her, but the men escaped. They have 200 English slaves dispersed in the country, and if care is not taken to destroy these rogues, they will grow very powerful; we must do this when we have shown ourselves at Algiers. What has been done in my Irish business? I hope Lord Arlington will give a helping hand to it. Pray forward the letters enclosed. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 15.]

Aug. 9. Treasury Chambers. Sir Geo. Downing to Williamson. I send an advertisement for the *Gazette*, stating that the Treasury Commissioners will be ready, on 11 Oct., to receive propositions from persons, for farming or collecting the duty arising from hearths and stoves, in England and Wales, and Berwick-upon-Tweed, either in one farm or collection, or by several counties and places. [*Ibid. No.* 16.]

Aug. 9. Pendennis. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. Several ships have come in outward bound, and are waiting a fair wind. One has the Lord Lieutenant's goods, and is bound for Dublin. [*Ibid. No.* 17.]

Aug. 9. Edw. Mageer to Viscount Conway. I arrived at Heidelberg 4 Aug., and agreed with Daniel Nebel, the Prince Elector's apothecary, for 50*l.*, according to the agreement made by your lordship with Mr. Harrell, to enable me to find myself clothes, which apprentices are bound to do. I shall serve him 4 years, when Nebel is bound to give me 12 rix dollars to bear my charge back again, which he only consented to after a deal of persuasion, by the post-master of Heidelberg and Mr. Trypon, as neither Mr. Harrell nor the indentures made any mention of it. Nebel desires the money may be paid by your lordship to Harrell in London.

I hope I shall master the language, which is very hard to learn; Mr. Hart's brother is careful of me. I received 7*l.* of Mr.

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Garret in London; particulars of its expenditure. If your lordship will give Harrell 4*l.* when you pay him, it will be as much as I shall need for a long time. I shall endeavour to learn French as well as Dutch [German ?], and I have greater advantage here than in England to learn to speak Latin. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 18.]

Aug. 9. Monday. M. Wren to Jonas Shish. Let all diligence be used in graving and calking the *Anne* yacht, as she is to be sent once more to Stockholm. [*Ibid. No.* 19.]

Aug. 10. The *Roebuck*, Downs. Capt. George Liddell to the Navy Commissioners. I received the stores aboard, but have only 3 weeks' provisions remaining, and the victualler at Dover desires timely notice, to enable him to provide. There are several men-of-war, privateers, and merchantmen in the Downs, making together about 30 sail. The men-of-war were unwilling to take down their pennants, but I made them sensible of their failing therein, and caused them to do so. [*Ibid. No.* 20.]

Aug. 10. Dover. Thos. Lloyd to Williamson. Sir Rob. Southwell is arrived in the packet boat, but is so indisposed, through the harshness of the passage, that he has gone to rest, and directed me to write. We hope to-morrow to reach Surrenden, where Sir Edw. Dering and his lady are, and the next day, I suppose, Whitehall. [*Ibid. No.* 21.]

Aug. 10. Dover. Jo. Carlile to Williamson. Sir Rob. Southwell, Mr. Lloyd, and company have arrived from Calais very weary and wet, and go to Sir Edw. Dering's to-morrow. [*Ibid. No.* 22.]

Aug. 10. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. A vessel arrived from Portugal reports that the woods in Newfoundland have been set on fire, but whether from accident or design is not known; it is feared when the rain falls, and the coals and ashes are washed down to the sea, that it will much prejudice the fishery. [*Ibid. No.* 23.]

Aug. 10. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson.] In the Ostend vessel wrecked on the Goodwin in February, there was a Governor who was to be carried to Madrid, to answer some high crimes of treason, in betraying, or intending to betray, a town to the French in Flanders; this, it seems, was a false accusation, as he arrived here yesterday, bound for Ostend, to his former, or a greater command; he has gone to Dover to embark in the packet boat. It was observed that he came alone, and was landed with a small bundle of linen, out of a vessel bound for London, so that some imagine he has made his escape and intends for France. Upwards of 40 Hamburghers, some Dutch, and 2 Dutch men-of-war, are in the Downs. [*Ibid. No.* 24.]

Aug. 10. The King to Edward, Bishop of Norwich. We hear by George Walsh that he holds from you the site of Wrungey Priory, Norfolk, for 21 years, which he desires to change into lives. We request you, on account of his loyalty to our late father and to ourselves, to allow him a lease of the priory for 3 lives, but this grant not to be drawn into a precedent. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 27, *f.* 151.]

Aug. 10. Warrant to the Duke of Albemarle, and other trustees of the fee farm rents, for raising money and securing payment in course to those persons who shall lend various sums for the King's use, empowering them also to convey and dispose of the said rents. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 76.]

Aug. 10. Licence for Sir Rich. Ashfield, Bart., High Sheriff of Gloucestershire, to repair to London or elsewhere, as his occasions require. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 115.]

Aug. 11. Pass for Thomas, Earl of Portland, with his servants beyond seas. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 11. Request for a pass to France for Josceline, Earl of Northumberland, with his lady, daughter, servants, carriages, 39 horses, &c. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 25.]

Aug. 11. Grant of the said pass, including 55 horses. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *p.* 166.]

[Aug. 11.] Note that the Act for regulating the press has defects which may be supplied by orders given to the Statitioners' company, who oppose the proceedings of the surveyor of the press; if they still obstruct, they should be reported to King and Council. [*S.P. Dom. Car.* II., *No.* 25A.]

Aug. 11. The King to the Stationers' Company of London. Many treasonable, seditious, and unlicensed books, pamphlets, &c., having been printed, on 22 Aug. 1663, we appointed Roger L'Estrange sole surveyor of the press; but this appointment has proved ineffectual, through the opposition of several members of your company. You are henceforth to take due cognizance of his commission, and employ your utmost power and credit with your members, no further to obstruct him, but to assist him in all searches and discoveries when needful.

Also within 3 days after notice given by the said surveyor of the press, you are to call a court of assistants, to advise with him, and agree on such ways and means for its better government as he shall propose, being instructed by us for that purpose, and he is required to return to Council or a Secretary of State an account of proceedings therein. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, *f.* 27.]

Aug. 11. Draft of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 26.]

Aug. 11. Warrant to pay to Wm. Young and Isaac Staggins, musicians for the flute and hautboy in place of Henry Bassano, deceased, 20*d.* daily and 16*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* yearly. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 77.]

Aug. 11. Lyme. Ant. Thorold to Hickes. The *Lily Rose*, and *Francis* have arrived from Morlaix, laden with linen, and report that many of the nobility of France were come to Morlaix, to consider how to raise seamen and carpenters to send to Brest, for despatch of ships designed for the Straits. The *Vinetree* has come in from Rotterdam. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 27.]

Aug. 11. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Hickes. Several great vessels, supposed to be East India or Straits men, have passed the harbour. The *Robert* of Plymouth has arrived from Ireland, with several passengers and 10 horses, intended for London. The *Sea Flower* of Apsom has

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come in from Croissic with salt; some other vessels that put out for France are put back by contrary winds. A small frigate, supposed to be a Turkish man-of-war or a pirate, gave them chase off the Lizard. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 28.]

Aug. 11. Same to Williamson. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 29.]

Aug. 11. Pembroke. John Powell to Williamson. There is no news of any kind. [*Ibid. No.* 30.]

Aug, 11. *Resolution,* Cadiz. Sir Thos. Allin to the Navy Commissioners. We came to an anchor, and having watered with some difficulty, and dispatched the business of the money we were to receive on shore, we are weighing for Tangiers, and from thence forward on our voyage. The backwardness of the *Welcome* fireship and the *Golden Hand*, in not joining us, may create great perplexities and disturbance to the service we are about, besides the want of the *Centurion* and *Dartmouth*, which I have orders to convoy. I leave orders for them, in this and all other places as I go along, follow the fleet as speedily as possible. [*Ibid. No.* 31.]

Aug. 12. The *Roebuck,* Downs. Capt. George Liddell to the Navy Commissioners. I received your orders to sail for Holyhead, and intend to go westward and stop at Plymouth, having some accounts to pass with the victualler. I desire orders as to what provisions I shall take in there, as there are none ready at Dover. I am to carry Lord Robartes over to Ireland, and then return to the Downs. [*Ibid. No.* 32.]

Aug. 12. Kinsale. Wm. Penn to the Navy Commissioners. I demanded the masts, cables, and cordage, and send you the replies. The masts are very much tangled with the chains, and will soon decay and be unserviceable; the chains cost 200*l.* I desire orders as to unrigging the *Harp*, to preserve it during the winter. [*Ibid. No.* 33.] *Encloses,*

> *Warrant from the Earl of Orrery, President of Munster, to Ensign Wm. Penn, to deliver some masts to Col. Heyward St. Ledger, it being thought fit, for the security of Kinsale Harbour, to lay a boom across the river, for preventing any attempt of the enemy to destroy the ships riding there; and this cannot be perfected for want of masts to bear up the chain.—Kinsale,* 27 *June* 1667. [*Copy. Ibid. No.* 33I.]
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> *Col. Heyward St. Ledger to Wm. Penn. I received the Navy Commissioners' order, demanding the masts lent for the harbour of Kinsale when the Navy rode there, and would deliver them were they not chained together; but I must have the Lord Deputy's order, as the Lord Lieutenant has been at* 1,000*l. charge for the iron and other works. I shall obey his lordship's orders therein.—Cork, July* 25, 1669. [*Copy. Ibid. No.* 33II.]
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> *Thos. Page to Wm. Penn. The masts, cables, and ropes named were not issued to Col. Heyward St. Ledger by his Excellency's order, he not then being in the Government; the Lord President of Munster having disposed of them to the use they now serve, he should be consulted. He is in London,*

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and can satisfy the Navy Commissioners whether it will be convenient to remove them.—Dublin, 3 *Aug.* 1669. [*Copy. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 33III.]

Aug. 12. Affidavit by Ant. Stephens, taken before Justinian Lewyns, touching several parcels of tickets, amounting to near 19,000*l.*, supposed to have passed through his hands, before and after the suspension of the Earl of Anglesey, and why they were not passed to account before. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 34.]

Aug. 12. Affidavit by Rob. Waith, as to a parcel of tickets, value between 2,000*l.* and 3,000*l.*, brought to him by Mr. Fenn in Sir George Carteret's time, which he refused, because they were not brought in account by Mr. Stephens. The controversy continued till after the Earl of Anglesey's suspension, when those tickets with others, value 19,000*l.*, and said to be paid before the suspension, were delivered him. [*Ibid. No.* 35.]

Aug. 12. *Sweepstakes,* Downs. Capt. John Narbrough to the Navy Commissioners. I have received the 14 days' sea provisions ordered, and have my complement of men and all other things complete. [*Ibid. No.* 36.]

Aug. 12. Navy Office. Giles Bond, master of the *Hope* galliot, to the Navy Commissioners. The *Hope* is at Deptford waiting further orders. [*Ibid. No.* 37.]

Aug. 12. Warrant to re-pay to Sir Wm. Doyley, jun., 450*l.* laid out by him in rebuilding the King's house, St. Stephen's, Westminster. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 78.]

Aug. 12. Licence for Edwin Skrimsheir, High Sheriff of Staffordshire, to repair to Scotland or elsewhere. Minute. [*Ibid. f.* 115.]

Aug. 12. Grant of naturalization to 3 Holland vessels, to be employed by Henry, Lord Arlington, Postmaster-General, as packet-boats to convey letters and passengers from Harwich to Holland, none but Holland-built vessels being proper to avoid the shelves and sands on those coasts, and an Act of Parliament forbidding the employing of foreign vessels. [*Ibid. f.* 115.]

Aug. 12. Rye. James Welsh to Williamson. There is a suit depending in the Court of Chancery of Dover, between the town of Sandwich and the Cinque Ports, wherein I suppose that Sandwich will be cast; it is intended to bring it before the King and Council, and the Cinque Ports having requested me, as Mayor of Rye, to manage the affair on their behalf, I request you to intercede with Lord Arlington, so as to stop any process from issuing out there, for the attaching of any person within the Ports, until we have had a fair hearing at the Council Board. The sickness is in above 100 houses at Dieppe. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 38.]

Aug. 12. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The second rate ship will be launched before Michaelmas, and the frame of the great ship is progressing rapidly. [*Ibid. No.* 39.]

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Aug. 12. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. A ship from the Straits reports that they met several Algerines, who spake with them, but did not meddle with them; they say that Sir Thos. Allin had not arrived at Tangier. The *Roebuck* has orders to take in the Lieutenant of Ireland, and carry him to his command. The many showers hinder the harvest. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 40.]

Aug. 13. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. A ship from the Barbadoes has arrived, and one from the Caribbee Islands, which are in a thriving condition. [*Ibid. No.* 41.]

Aug. 13. Same to Williamson. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 42.]

Aug. 13. Advices received, being extracts from letters calendared above, and from the following:—

Lincoln, 11 Aug.—The grand inquest, having found the good effects of the proclamation against conventicles, have drawn up a paper of thanks to his Majesty, which was read and subscribed in a County Court, and have desired Justice [Sir Thos.] Tyrell to present it. Of the great conventicle held at Gedney, three-fourths came out of the Isle of Ely and Norfolk, and many from Nottingham. [*Ibid. No.* 43.]

Aug. 13. Chatham. John Brookes to the Navy Commissioners. I surveyed 85 casks of beef and pork aboard the *Leopard*, and am informed that there are 36 more as bad as the others. I desire an order for their removal, and for heading up the cask standing on deck, as it stinks so that no man is able to abide between decks. [*Ibid. No.* 44.] *Encloses,*

Certificate by John Brookes and two others, that the beef and pork on board the Leopard, *brought from Lisbon, are too stinking and rotten to be fit for any service.*—11 *Aug.* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 44I.]

Aug. 13. Treasury Chambers, Whitehall. Sir George Downing to Williamson. I send an advertisement to be inserted in the *Gazette*, that although the Treasury Commissioners intend to receive propositions upon 11 Oct., for collecting or farming the duty arising by fire-hearths and stoves, they will not interrupt the late farmers in the collection of arrears due to 25 March last. I desire you to add the time from which the duty is to be let, viz., from 29 Sept. next. Noted to be delivered to Mr. Hartlib. [*Ibid. No.* 45.]

Aug. 14. Saturday. Sam. Hartlib to Williamson. An advertisement has been published in the *Gazette* about the hearth money, but in such general terms that, without an explanation, it may occasion the people to scruple paying the arrears due to the present farmers. Do not fail in publishing the additional advertisement sent you by Sir George Downing, by direction of the Treasury Commissioners. [*Ibid. No.* 46.]

Aug. 14. Jone Snell to Rob. Francis. Forwarding of letters. [*Ibid. No.* 47.]

Aug. 14. Trinity College [Cambridge]. Thos. Nixon to his uncle, Rob. Francis. Pray deliver the enclosed to my aunt, and desire her to make haste in answering it; my occasions are so great that they will not admit of delay. [*Ibid. No.* 48.]

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Aug. 14. Weymouth. George Pley to Hickes. A vessel from Barbadoes with sugar reports that, when in the height of 24 degrees, she was met and plundered by 3 Spanish men-of-war from Havana, of moneys, clothes, and other goods, and that they used the company very badly. They told them that some of our ships from Jamaica had also been stopped, and 6,000 pieces of eight in money, besides other goods, taken from them. There is a ship in those seas commanded by a Chevalier of Malta, who takes all nations he can light upon. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 49.]

Aug. 14. Pembroke. John Powell to Hickes. There is no news of any kind to send. [*Ibid. No.* 50.]

Aug. 14. Same to Williamson. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 51.]

Aug. 14. Proposals by Lewis Bayly to the Navy Commissioners, for weighing 5 ships sunk at Woolwich, at 100*l.* each, and a grant of the said ships, cordage, &c. With note that it was presented to the Board, and the terms disapproved of. [*Ibid. No.* 52.]

Aug. 14. Wm. Birk, commander of the *Portsmouth* sloop, to the Navy Commissioners. Craves allowance for victualling his company, in her late voyage to the Isle of Wight, from 17 July to 4 Aug., after his provisions were expended. [*Ibid. No.* 53.]

Aug. 14. Warrant to Sir John Howell, Recorder, and the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, to reprieve Thos. Hack, condemned at the Old Bailey for clipping and coining, and to insert him in the next transportation pardon for poor convicts of Newgate. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 28, *f.* 28.]

Aug. 14. The King to the Dean and Chapter of Worcester. We hear that the vicarage of Bromsgrove, in your disposal, is now vacant. If none of your prebendaries will accept it, we request you to grant it to Thos. Wilmot, M.A., of whose loyalty, conformity, &c., we are assured. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 27, *f.* 151.]

Aug. 14. Durham. Dr. Isaac Basire to Rob. Francis. Friendship is the life of human society, but constancy is the life of friendship, and correspondence the nurse of constancy; I have wanted that favour ever since I took my leave of you 2 months ago. I am informed by my son that you put it over to your clerk, whom I neither know nor had to do with; but as Mr. Williamson promised a correspondence from you, I beg you, if that courtesy is troublesome to you, to let me know, and I will then desist rather than offend you. My wife and family desire to be remembered to you and good cousin Aldridge. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 54.]

Aug. 15. Deal. Rich. Watts to Williamson. The *Return* and *Rainbow* have arrived from the East Indies; the *Rebecca* and *Loyal Merchant* are in the Dover Road. The Quakers increase, and most side with them. [*Ibid. No.* 55.]

Aug. 15. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The private meetings are less held than formerly; the chief preachers at Southampton have been secured, and others have fled to escape imprisonment. [*Ibid. No.* 56.]

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Aug. 15. Chatham. Jos. Lawrence to the Navy Commissioners. I viewed Mr. Fellows' timber and set a mark upon 70 ends, about 110 loads, which will be useful for the new ship if you will treat with him about it; his dwelling is at Three Cranes Wharf, Thames Street. I have set sawyers to work in converting Mr. Mason's trees, which are too big for carriage. With note that Mr. Fellows being at the Board on the 29th, insisted upon 3*l.* 10*s.* per load, which the Board refused, and the contract was broken off. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 57.]

Aug. 15. Portsmouth. Capt. Ant. Deane to the Navy Commissioners. I have been to the forest, where all endeavours will be used to get down the frame, which is already hewed. All the men will return at the end of the week, except four, who will go to Godshill Wood to mould the beams marked out I shall want 200*l.* for carriage, having had nothing more than the 150*l.* on the whole account. The purveyor has a great account to clear, and desires that it may be done; if money is wanted for carriage in his absence, we will let you know. We want a warrant to press some joiners. [1½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 58.]

Aug. 16. The *Roebuck*, Downs. Capt. George Liddell to the Navy Commissioners. I could not get any provision at Dover except bread, so shall victual at Portsmouth; pray order the provisions to be ready. I shall make all despatch to Holyhead, having to take Lord Robartes in there, to carry him to Ireland. [*Ibid. No.* 59.]

Aug. $\frac{16}{26}$. Rotterdam. Fr. Crane to Rob. Francis. I have no news, and that from England about M. Beaufort and Candia is made sport of. I hope the house in St. Alban's Street is furnished, and your wife all ready. Being so long concluding the match, I hope it will be so firmly ratified that there will always be a free content, and no trouble with State jealousies. I cannot desire a letter, as I am not yet settled at my journey's end. Pray forward the letters enclosed. [*Ibid. No.* 60.]

Aug. 16. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Hickes. Four great merchantmen have come in from Ostend, bound for Cadiz, under convoy of the *Castle Rodrigo;* they came out with 2 more bound for the Canaries, but left them at sea, one having broken her mast, and being supposed to have put in at Plymouth. They met a Dutch fleet of 5 sail and one convoy, also bound for Cadiz. The *St. Peter* of Aldborough has come in, laden with fish for Bristol. [*Ibid. No.* 61.]

Aug. 16. Pendennis. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. Particulars of the arrival of ships. [*Ibid. No.* 62.]

Aug. 16. Northampton. J. Summers to Rob. Francis. Thanks for your fair proceedings in my friend's business at Stratford. May he wait upon you, as he is so impatient he cannot sleep? [*Ibid. No.* 63.]

Aug. 16. Marquis of Worcester to Lord [Arlington]. There being a great scarcity of deputy-lieutenants for co. Monmouth, occasioned by the death of some, and the removal of others by his Majesty's direction, I beg you will present a list enclosed for the King's approbation, so as to supply the want. [*Ibid. No.* 64.] *Annexing,*

List of 6 intended deputy-lieutenants for co. Monmouth, viz., Sir Edw. Morgan, Bart., Sir George Probert, Wm. Morgan,

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James Herbert, Herbert Evans, and Thos. Morgan of Lansoare, approved by the King, 16 *Aug.* 1669. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 64I.]

Aug. Duplicate of the said list, dated 26 Aug. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 20, *f.* 201.]

Aug. 17. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. A ship has just arrived from the Caribbee Islands, and one from Newhaven touched here on her way to Rochelle. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 65.]

Aug. 17. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. It is said in the last written news-letter, that a 2nd rate ship has been launched at Portsmouth, and that another is upon the stocks; this is a mistake; it ought to have been that one would be launched by Michaelmas, and that the frame of another great ship was in forwardness. [*Ibid. No.* 65A.]

Aug. 17. Deal. Rich. Watts to Williamson. The *Roebuck* is gone westward, and is said to carry the Viceroy of Ireland. The whole fleet of Hamburghers, and Dutch and English outward bound ships, sailed this afternoon. [*Ibid. No.* 66.]

Aug. 17. York. [John] Lord Frescheville to Williamson. Pray remind Lord Arlington of my petition before the Lords of the Treasury. I do not doubt the success of it, because it appears so inconsiderable; but it is not so to me, as notice having been taken of my endeavours in it, I shall be thought destitute of any manner of interest or consideration, if I should not obtain it. [*Ibid. No.* 67.]

Aug. 17. Jonas Shish to the Navy Commissioners. We are ready for the carver to cut the arms for the stern, and figure for the head of the *Loyal London;* I demanded elm timber for the work, but none has come into store. I desire an order to Mr. Mayors, the purveyor, to provide it, and if he will come down, I will give him the dimensions. [*Ibid. No.* 68.]

Aug. 18. Whitehall. Pass for 6 horses into France, at the request of Josias Ebrall, merchant of London, for the use of his correspondents there. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 117.]

Aug. 18. Court at Whitehall. Reference to the Lord Keeper of a petition of a person not named, to report what the King may do in it, for his own service, and the petitioner's gratification. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 69.]

Aug. 18. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. We have no news of any kind. [*Ibid. No.* 70.]

Aug. 18. Billing. J. W[illiamson] to Rob. Francis. I must remind you how much it concerns you and Swaddell, during my absence, to recommend yourselves to Lord Arlington by double diligence in the business of the office. You must attend him at his rising, and at the hearing and making of his despatches, and spend the rest of the time in the office; this is to your own interest. I intend returning by Tuesday, so you need not send anything after Saturday. I shall hope for a warrant for a buck from Mr. Chiffinch, but you need not call to him any more for it. Make extracts from the letters, as they come in, for the *Gazette.* I beg to be remembered to Lady Anderson. [*Ibid. No.* 71.]

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Aug. 18. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Hickes. The Ostend ships are still in port; the *Conclusion* of London, bound for Dublin, with the Lord Lieutenant's goods on board, put to sea with a fair wind. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 72.]

Aug. 18. Falmouth. Same to Williamson. To the same effect as the above, and his letter of the 16th. [*Ibid. No.* 73.]

Aug. 19. London. Rob. Bransby to Viscount Conway. I crave pardon for not answering your letter earlier, having been visited with the tertian ague; nevertheless I used all the industry possible to get such a chair as you described, which is effected. I had great trouble to get the iron frame made for it; I doubt not, as the chair is very commodious, and runs on wheels, that it will please all who use it. I have seen your letter to Mr. Garret as to a piece of yellow drugget being wanting; I assure you that when the box was packed up, the whole quantity ordered was enclosed, and therefore beg I may not be a loser, as I got little by it. [*Ibid. No.* 74.]

Aug. 19. Pembroke. John Powell to Williamson. There is no news of any kind. [*Ibid. No.* 75.]

Aug. 19. Deal. Rich. Watts to Williamson. A ship from Virginia came aground on the Goodwin Sands, but was got off and piloted into Deal. The master, Jno. Southwell, brought her safe from Virginia to the Downs, without his instruments, or making any observations during the voyage. Those who know him say he has a familiar spirit. [*Ibid. No.* 76.]

Aug. 19. Court at Whitehall. Petition of several of the servants in ordinary to the King, for his direction and command for the due payment of certain fees upon the creation of knights, baronets, &c., many persons concerned refusing payment thereof, although the same were granted to the petitioners under the great seal, by his Majesty's progenitors. With reference thereon to Lord Chamberlain the Earl of Manchester, to inquire into the justice of these pretensions, and report. [*Ibid. No.* 77.]

Aug. 19. Entry of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 60.]

Aug. 19. Court at Whitehall. Petition of Davis Morgan to the King. I was employed by the Earl of Oxford to recover some debts due to him from several persons of quality, and because I was very diligent in prosecuting them, they have maliciously procured me to be indicted at the sessions of barratry, at the suit of his Majesty, and are endeavouring by all ways and means to convict me, hoping thereby to get some profit to themselves, and make me incapable of any employment. Your Majesty has, by letters patent, granted to one of the persons whom I sue all fines that shall be imposed on any person at the grand sessions of Carmarthen, so that if I am fined, my fine will turn to the profit of my prosecutor. I have also sued the high sheriff of the county, who must return the jury for the trial of the said indictment. I beg your letter to the judges of the grand sessions at Carmarthen, to stop all proceedings upon an indictment, and leave for the case to be tried in the next adjacent English county.

With reference thereon to Sir Frederick Hyde or Simon Degg, justices of assize for co. Carmarthen, that in case the reasons suggested shall appear to be true, all proceedings are to be stayed until further order. Endorsed "The Lord Keeper being acquainted with it, said his Majesty might order it as aforesaid." [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 78.]

[Aug. 19.] Copy of the preceding petition and reference. [*Ibid. No.* 79.]

Aug. 19. Entry of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 59.]

Aug. 19. Warrant to pay to Rob. Child and Wm. Fowles, masters of the tents, 2,377*l.* for furnishing a rich pavilion and 22 tents. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 79.]

Aug. 19. Warrant to pay to Philip, Earl of Chesterfield, and Charles Henry, Lord Wotton, 9,000*l.* without account, for their surrender of a contract between the King and Dan. O'Neale, for the sole making of gunpowder for the King. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 19. Warrant to pay to the Earl of Sandwich 357*l.* 6*s.* 1*d.* and 486*l.* 17*s.* 1*d.* as interest and gratuity for 6,313*l.* 13*s.* 11*d.*, and 6,000*l.* from 11 Oct. last; also like sums that may grow due on 5,000*l.* charged on the hearth money to be paid to Lord Hinchinbroke for his use, provided this allowance of interest and gratuity be not drawn into a precedent for other ambassadors. [*Ibid.*]

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Roe Kitchen,
Holehaven.
Jacob Baker to the Navy Commissioners. I want an order for victuals, not having more than 5 days' aboard. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 80.]

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John Brooke to the Navy Commissioners. I was with all the ordinary and some carpenters and caulkers, aboard the *Marmaduke,* thinking to have pumped out the water, and made her swim, but cannot do it, and can see no way but to bring her up to the dock. [*Ibid. No.* 81.]

Aug. 19. List of 77 old pay books for ships paid since 1660, received from S. P. [Sam. Pepys], and carried to the ticket office. [*Ibid. No.* 81A.]

Aug. 19. Deposition of John Fenn, cashier to the Earl of Anglesey, before Rich. Proctor, Master in Chancery, that all the tickets delivered by him to Ant. Stephens were paid by deponent, as out of the money received as treasure for the Navy, before the Earl was suspended from his office, and that Hale's lists contain the names and sums of these tickets. [*Ibid. No.* 81B.] *Annexing,*

> *Like deposition of Michael Hale, servant to John Fenn,* 16 *Aug.* 1669, *that the following lists of tickets were delivered by him, by order of Fenn, to Ant. Stephens :—*

	£	s.	d.
No. 1, *tickets amounting to* - -	7,964	14	0
„ 2, „ „ „ - -	5,217	12	10
„ 3, „ „ „ - -	2,458	6	5
„ 4, „ „ „ - -	519	12	6
„ 5, „ „ „ - -	2,730	2	0
Total - -	18,890	7	9

[*Ibid. No.* 81C.]

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Aug. 19. Deptford. Jonas Shish to the Navy Commissioners. I have received three barges of Mr. Shorter's oak timber into the stores. I know that you give ready money, and that you desire the works shall be carried on with it; but none of this timber is fit for the purpose, and there is no longer timber of his on the wharf. I hope I shall receive no more of this. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 82.]

Aug. 19. Deptford. Same to the Same. I viewed and bought 30 loads of knee and compass timber belonging to Capt. Gibbs, and find it good and fit for the works of the *London.* [*Ibid. No.* 83.]

Aug. 20. Chatham. Capt. Edw. Moorcock and John Moore to the Navy Commissioners. Our success has not been so good as expected, by reason of some of the gear giving way; but we hope to remove and carry two wrecks on shore next spring [tide]; if not, we shall not advise the expense of any more time or money about weighing them. We want 2 months' victuals for 70 men, if you think it convenient to go on with the work. [*Ibid. No.* 84.]

Aug. 20. Pass for the Sieur Levin Adam Hague, gentleman of the chamber to George William, Duke of Brunswick and Lunenburg, who brought over a present of stags, and is to take back 16 English horses, and 6 couple of hounds. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 117.]

Aug. 20. Warrant for a grant to Tobias Rustat of the estate of Rich. Sandford, late of Weston Zoyland, co. Somerset, forfeit for murder. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 166.]

Aug. 20. The King to Thos. Jones, quartermaster to Col. John Russell's foot-guards. We require you to repair to Southampton, and provide quarters as near Court as possible for the 7 companies of those guards, and their officers, who are to attend us in our progress to Southampton. [*Ibid. f.* 166.]

Aug. 20. Grant to Jonas Moore, in the room of Fras. Nicholas, deceased, of the office of Master Surveyor of Ordnance, &c., in the Tower and elsewhere; fee 2*s.* a day. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 80.]

Aug. 20. Whitehall. Order on the petition of Brome Whorwood—for the King to appoint some time to hear and determine on the difference between himself and his wife—that his Majesty will hear it himself in the red room on the 23rd, between 8 and 9 a.m., in presence of the Lord Keeper, and that all parties concerned are to have notice to be present. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 59.]

Aug. $\frac{20}{30}$. Leghorn. Earl of Castlemaine to Lord [Arlington]. I have been to the Levant with Sir Dan. Harvey. I am now keeping quarantine at Leghorn, where the Duke has ordered a pleasant place for the purpose. In Turkey there is great distraction for their losses in Candia, and only their late success against the French succours would have prevented an open rebellion; if Candia be lost, Cephalonia and Zante will follow; and were not the Grand Seignior the pitifullest man living, Sicily must run the same fortune, the State being weak, and the people factious. I hope you have received a present sent. I am going to Rome when free from the lazaretto. [3½ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 85.]

Aug. 20. Lichfield Close. Anne Cole to Lord Arlington. Necessity, which is the misery of life, makes me a suitor to you. I beseech you—for God's sake, and for the sake of Sir Anthony Desmarces, who lost his life in his Majesty's service, and who was my dear friend—that you will move his Majesty to confer upon me some part of the reward that was intended for Sir Anthony, on his return; had he lived, I should have been partaker of all, but his death has been my utter ruin, as for his sake I am lost to all my relations, and forced to quit the town, and sell the things I had, to pay some of his most pressing debts. [*Ibid. No.* 86.]

Aug. 20. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. I enclose a letter, but have no news to communicate. [*Ibid. No.* 87.]

Aug. 21. Weymouth. Geo. Pley to Hickes. The *London*, laden with lemons from Genoa, met 3 Turkish men-of-war belonging to Algiers, who treated them very civilly, and only took from them wood and water, which they wanted. We hear of the safe arrival of all the Newfoundland ships, and that they are like to have good fishing, as on 24 May many had 3,000 fish to a boat. [*Ibid. No.* 88.]

Aug. 21. Wisbech, Isle of Ely. Sir Edw. Turner to Williamson. I have just finished the assizes at Ely, where I am chief justice. Amongst the offenders there were Wm. Nicolas, who was indicted for stealing a gelding; Owen Brickewood for stealing a mare; and Hannah Gowler for stealing 3*l*. They were all found guilty, and I pronounced judgment of death upon them; but as they are all young and unmarried, and able to do good service, and are desirous to be transported, and as most of the justices of the Isle have begged me to move the King for their pardon, and the bearer has agreed to send them to some foreign plantation, I desire you to acquaint Lord Arlington with it, and request him to move the King in the matter. [*Ibid. No.* 89.]

Aug 21. Warrant for a grant of pardon to Edw. Maddox, condemned for highway robbery, on account of his former loyalty and services in discovering other malefactors. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 28, *f.* 286.]

Aug. 21. Warrant for payment of 200*l*. to John Baptista Dateil, towards his expenses to the dominions of the Grand Duke of Tuscany, and elsewhere. Minute. [*S P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 166.]

Aug. 21. The King to the Sheriff of Wiltshire. We are informed by Sir John Coventry, Edw. Hyde, and Wm. Willoughby, justices of peace, that Matthew Best, keeper of Fisherton Anger gaol, has beaten and abused gentlemen debtors, suffered several convicted by statute of *præmunire* and owing fines to go to their own dwellings, and one Humphreys, condemned to death for perjury, felony, and murder, to escape; Best is to be examined, and if found guilty, removed from his place. We recommend Hen. Sadler as a fit person to succeed him. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, *f.* 32.]

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Aug. 21. Chatham. Edw. Gregory to the Navy Commissioners. I send a list [missing] of ships under my muster in 1668. With note that it was taken possession of by Lord Brouncker, on 24 Aug. 1669. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 90.]

Aug. 21. Chatham Dock. John Brooke and Wm. Rand to the Navy Commissioners. We have launched the *Dreadnought*, and laid her near the dock, that the shipwrights may the sooner finish her works. We desire an order for entering 20 riggers to fit her rigging. [*Ibid. No.* 91.]

Aug. 22. The *Roebuck*, Spithead. Capt. George Liddell to the Navy Commissioners. Thanks for your informing me of the receipt of a petition, which neither I nor my officers knew anything about. I shall be very careful in not granting tickets to those named, and in having an eye over them. Two are servants who agreed to serve for 40*s.* a year, and have had more than their voyage comes to, and several of the others have but little wages due; another is a tailor, who begged his employ, being ready to starve, and I judge him to be as idle a rascal as any of them. I received 4 months' provisions; and as the victualler deals unworthily with respect to my necessary money, having stopped 13*s.* 4*d.*, I shall give Sir Denis Gauden an account, hoping he will see things otherways satisfied. [*Ibid. No.* 92.]

Aug. 22. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Roebuck* and *Sweepstakes* have come in from the Downs, as convoy to some merchant ships bound for the southern parts. [*Ibid. No.* 93.]

Aug. 22. Billing. [J. Williamson] to Rob. Francis. You have been much to blame in not sending the letters I left behind on leaving town. I have been disappointed in doing some business intended, as two of those letters were to have given advice thereof at Oxford. I take it very ill, and am sorry for your own sake, as you will find it to your loss another day. I resolve to be in town on Tuesday, and desire that all business matters may be left at Lady Anderson's. I would have you find out Mr. Povey, and request him to proceed in the Thetford matter, according to his own discretion and friendship for me. [*Ibid. No.* 94.]

Aug. 22. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. Arrival of 4 East India ships; the *Madaras* from Bantam, supposed to be lost, has arrived; welcome news to that company. [*Ibid. No.* 95.]

Aug. 23. Deal. Same to the Same. The fleet of merchant ships sailed with a fair wind; the *Sweepstakes* and a Virginia man only are in the Downs. [*Ibid. No.* 96.]

Aug. 23. Pendennis. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. The Spanish man-of-war, with 4 vessels from Ostend, has sailed, as also another with the Lord Lieutenant's goods for Ireland. A ship bound for Amsterdam with lemons, oranges, &c., was pillaged at sea, off the North Cape, of all her fruit and oil, by 6 Turkish men-of-war of considerable force. [*Ibid. No.* 97.]

Aug. 23. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Hickes. Arrival and departure of ships. I hear there are 3 Turkish men-of-war on the coast, who are supposed to

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be on the look out for Frenchmen, because of the succours they sent for Candia. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 98.]

Aug. 23. Yarmouth. Rich. Bower to Williamson. His Majesty's proclamation was proclaimed, not by the church clerk, as usual, but by our Bridewell man, and forthwith set up at the Market Cross; but it was presently pulled down, and the people met at their meeting-house, in as great, if not greater, numbers than formerly, without being in the least questioned, which is looked upon as a high contempt, and very much amazes the people.

A ship has arrived from Lisbon with salt, and a ketch has sailed for Rotterdam. Upwards of 300 sail of laden colliers have passed through the road, and 50 light ships bound for Sunderland and Newcastle. [*Ibid. No.* 99.]

Aug. 23. Brooke House. Order of the Commissioners for taking accounts, that William Wardour, Clerk of the Pells, transmit an account of the money in arrear upon the Additional Aid, and in whose hands the same remains; and also annex the names of the receivers by whom sums were paid, as well for that Aid as the Poll Bill. [*Ibid. No.* 100.]

Aug. 24. Woolwich. Edw. Byland to the Navy Commissioners. Concerning Mr. Rayner's petition, I know nothing of his having a warrant for building boats for Woolwich, and he is a stranger to me. Mr. Stafford, who formerly built them, was not put on by me, but I contracted with you for them, with the knowledge of Col. Middleton and Capt. Cox. The hulk decays much, and ought to be hauled ashore and trimmed. I want a supply of plank; I am proffered a bargain of elm timber, and will see to it if you will have it. The *James* hoy broke her head and mainmast through bearing of sail; I desire directions about her. [*Ibid. No.* 101.]

Aug. 24. Navy Office. T. Hayter to Thos. Lewis. I desire information as to the beginning and ending of sea victuals, of the *Dover;* the Navy Commissioners have ordered that the extra money due to Henry West, the purser, shall be cast up, he having petitioned them thereon. With Lewis' particulars of the accounts asked for. Also

T. Hayter to Thos. Lewis. I desire you will signify the time of petty warrants, and time of victualling, as I cannot cast up the money without it. With Lewis' account of the number of men, and the days when the *Dover* was in petty warrant. [2 *pages. Ibid. No*. 102.] *Annexing,*

Certificate by Nathan Whitfeld that 16*l.* 5*s.* 4*d. is due to Henry West, for services as purser on board the* Dover, *from Aug.* 1666 *to July* 1667.—19 *Aug.* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 102I.]

Aug. 24. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. The 10 or 12 Dutch ships that touched at Plymouth have sailed southward, and those belonging to the town will sail to-day. [*Ibid. No.* 103.]

Aug. 24. [Col.] R. Talbot to Williamson, or in his absence to Lee, Richards, or Bridgeman. Pray procure me a warrant for the transportation of 9 stoned horses and 7 geldings to Ireland. [*Ibid. No.* 104.]

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Aug. 24. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Sweepstakes* and *Roebuck* have sailed with the ships under their convoy. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 105.]

Aug. 24. Pass for transporting 6 horses into France, at the request of John Gibs, for the use of his correspondents there. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 119.]

Aug. 25. The King to the Lord Mayor, Court of Aldermen, and Common Council of London. We request you to allow a competent salary to Thomas Nevile, comptroller of the petty customs in the port of London, for his services in the receivership of the duty of 12*d.* on every chaldron of coals imported, levied by an Act made last session of Parliament; the said salary to be allowed upon your accounts rendered yearly into the Exchequer. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 25. Warrant to pay to Edw. Backwell 4,650*l.* 16*s.* 3*d.* without account, as interest and gratuity for his loans to his Majesty of 157,683*l.* 4*s.* 10*d.* and 9,600*l.* [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 82.]

Aug. 25. Warrant to pay to Lord Grandison 4,000*l.* without account, for 4 years' arrears of the 1,000*l.* a year granted him on the settling of the yeomen of the Guard. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 25. Report of the Royal African Company, drawn up by order, of the state of their trade, showing its good condition when founded, 124,000*l.* being subscribed for stock; its losses by the seizure of 6 vessels for the King's service in 1664; by the taking of 8 more by the Dutch; by the damage received from the same in Africa, and the ill payment for negroes in Barbadoes. Being unable therefore to trade on their own account, they have granted private licences for trade, within the limits of their patent, so as to keep up their forts and factories. They entreat, by way of remedy, that the King would pay in the remainder of his own subscription to the stock, which would lead others to do the same; thus their debts could be paid, and then new subscriptions would come in; that he would assist them in recovering their debts at Barbadoes, and grant them a vessel or two to protect them on the African coast, on which they will try to raise a new stock. [5 *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 106.]

Aug. 25. Wrexham. R. Manley to Rob. Francis. I hope to be with you next week; everybody here remembers you with passion, especially my family and brother. All here is peaceable and very hospitable, and we make good cheer. [*Ibid. No.* 107.]

Aug. 25. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Williamson. The *Ingram*, *Sarah*, and others have arrived from London to load pilchards. [*Ibid. No.* 108.]

Aug. 25. Same to Hickes. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 109.]

Aug. 25. Pembroke. John Powell to Hickes. Has no news to communicate. [*Ibid. No.* 110.]

Aug. 25. Same to Williamson. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 111.]

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Aug. 26. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Sweepstakes* still continues in the Downs; the ship with the Governor of Tangiers' goods, and some of his servants, has arrived, and he is expected daily. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 112.]

Aug. 26. Warrant to pay to Dudley Rowse, receiver of the rents of the Manor and Castle of Windsor, 1,000*l.* for repair of the Castle and houses there. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 85.]

Aug. 26. Warrant for reprieve of Edward Oram, prisoner in Newgate. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 167.]

Aug. 26. Pass for 16 horses to Ireland for Col. Talbot. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 26. Warrant to the Ordnance Commissioners to pay all arrears of pension and allowance due to Sieur de la Fabvolière, who is to be dismissed from his office of chief engineer. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 26. The King to Sir Thos. Morgan. We recommend —— Grandin for the first vacant benefice in the island [Jersey], being certified of his orthodoxy and learning, and he and his father having deserved well from us and the church, especially in the assistance given to the preachers of the island. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, *f.* 30.]

Aug. 26. Chatham. Edw. Gregory and 3 other officers to the Navy Commissioners. We think that the best manner of disposing of the *Marmaduke* will be by exposing her to sale, she being incapable of removal, and inconvenient to break up at so great a distance from the yard. With note by Capt. Edw. Moorcock and John Moore, that the *Marmaduke* did swim from Aug. to Jan. last, and lately floated out of dock; but if she is now incapable of removal, they think with the other officers that she ought to be sold. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 113.]

Aug. 26. Deptford. F. Hosier to the Navy Commissioners. I send a list of ships under my muster at Gravesend, but doubt it is imperfect, all my books being at Brooke House. I will send Mr. Elkin's list when it comes. [*Ibid. No.* 114.]

Aug. 27. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. Three ships have come in laden with salt and deals, and a dozen vessels are in port outward bound. Sir Bernard de Gomme, Engineer-General, has arrived. [*Ibid. No.* 115.]

Aug. 27. Same to Williamson. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 116.]

Aug. 27. Certificate by Sir And. Riccard, Governor of the Levant Company, that Thos. Harby, merchant of Zante, is a person of experience, and qualified for the office of Consul at that place. [*Ibid. No.* 117.]

Aug. 27. Court at Whitehall. Petition of Charles, Earl of Norwich, to the King. In consideration of the late Earl of Norwich's surrender of the place of captain of the Guards, your Majesty became indebted to him, under the great seal, in 14,000*l.*, to be paid in 7 years, by equal portions. At the death of the Earl, 11,000*l.* was due, which I claimed, as

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administrator to my father, in confirmation of which you granted a warrant in March 1667, by which the then Lord Treasurer was ordered to pay it. But contrary to the intent of that warrant, several privy seals have passed for payment of some of the Earl's creditors, to the value of 6,240*l.*, and in particular for 780*l.* to Sir Philip Warwick, and 1,100*l.* to Elizabeth Deane; but both of them notwithstanding claim payment from me, upon a former promise made by me to satisfy them, they not finding the satisfaction expected by such privy seals, though those amounts are effectually taken from me. I beg you therefore to recall these privy seals, so that I may receive the amounts thereby granted, or to give orders to the Treasury Commissioners that payment of the two sums of 780*l.* and 1,100*l.*, with interest, may be made to me. With reference thereon to the Treasury Commissioners. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 118.]

Aug. 27. Pass for 12 couple of hounds for the Prince of Denmark. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 167.]

Aug. 27. Pass for 6 horses to Hamburg for George Clifford. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 27. Privy seal for 2,800*l.* to Charles Gifford, remaining in the hands of John Kilby, late collector of hearth money for Berks, with power to sue for and recover the same. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 27. Privy seal for 100*l.* to the poor of the parish of St. Margaret's, Westminster. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 27. Warrant for a licence to Sir John Clayton and George Blake, for 60 years, to build and maintain lighthouses on the northern coast of England, viz., at St. Nicholas Gate, Cromer, the mouth of the Humber, Flamborough Head, and Ferne Island, on rent of 20*l.* a year, they receiving 1½*d.* per ton from laden ships, and 1*d.* from light ones; a certificate being first signed by 500 shipmasters and mariners as to the convenience of the said lighthouses, and their willingness to contribute thereto. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 120.]

Aug. 27. Grant to Rob. Ferrer of the offices of yeoman tailor and porter in the Great Wardrobe, in the room of John Young, deceased; fees, 6*d.* and 8*d.* a day. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 84.]

Aug. 27.
Roe Kitchen,
Holehaven.
Jacob Baker to the Navy Commissioners. I beseech you to order me some provision, being in great straits for want of it. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 119.]

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Portsmouth.
Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. I send the names of 8 calkers pressed who have appeared, and desire that you will send for the rest to answer for their neglect, and that they or others may be hastened down, the works and season of the year requiring it. I also send a contract for some timber. The town of Portsmouth is very sickly, 600 persons are down, and amongst them some of our workmen; so that the work goes on the more

heavily. Not many die, though since my coming, there has not been a day but 1 or 2 or 3 have died. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 120.]

Aug. 28. List of pay-books belonging to S. P. [Sam. Pepys] of ships named, paid 1660–1665, delivered by order of the Navy Commissioners to the ticket office. [5 *pages. Similar to that No.* 81A, *p.* 454 *supra, but adding* 50 *more ships' books. Ibid. No.* 121.]

Aug. 28. Woolwich. Edw. Byland to Col. Thos. Middleton. I propose repairing the hulk, and desire a supply of deals for the works. The *James* hoy is being fitted with a new mast. [*Ibid. No.* 122.]

Aug. 28. Maidstone. John Mason to the Navy Commissioners. Pray sign my bill, and pay the money to my brother, Silam Callant, for I have promised payment to several persons that much want it. I am endeavouring to send down the rest of the timber. [*Ibid. No.* 123.]

Aug. 28 Col. B. Reymes to the Navy Commissioners. My last contract being ended, shall I continue the same quantity for a longer time, or increase it? The stores at Portsmouth are very empty, and this small proportion adds but small encouragement to the manufactory. [*Ibid. No.* 124.]

Aug. 28. Whitehall. Reference of the petition of Ralph Jefferson, prisoner at Durham, for reprieve, pardon, or banishment, to the judge of assize who sat upon his trial. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 62.]

Aug. 28. Whitehall. Reference to the Treasury Commissioners of the petition of Hartgill Baron, for a lease in reversion of a farm to Sir Rich. Braham, near Windsor, for 31 years. [*Ibid. p.* 63.]

Aug. 28. Whitehall. Petition of Sir Wm. Underhill to the King, for pardon for an offence on which a verdict is obtained against him, for suborning Chris. Fielding to swear in his behalf. With reference thereon to the Attorney-General. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 125.]

Aug. 28. Entry of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 68.]

Aug. 28? Petition of Sir Wm. Underhill to the King. Was compelled, 7 years ago, to pay 1,500*l.* to Mr. Devereux, who was wounded by the accidental discharge of a pistol when they were together. Chris. Fielding, who swore that he did not discharge the pistol, being dead, Devereux has, without giving him notice, obtained a verdict against him, for suborning Fielding to perjury. As the case cannot be tried again at the King's Bench, begs a pardon for his pretended offence. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 126.]

Aug. 28. Whitehall. Warrant to the sheriff of Yorkshire to suspend the execution of Roger Carr, condemned at York Assizes for clipping coin, in order that he may prosecute his discovery of other persons concerned in clipping and coining. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 28, *f.* 29.]

Aug. 28. Chester. Ma. Anderton to Williamson. The 70,000*l.* advanced by the Farmers of the Revenue in Ireland, for the supply and pay of the army there, has arrived, and been shipped on board the *Swallow* of

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Chester, bound for Dublin. Since the proclamation for suppressing conventicles, and the order of the justices thereupon, there has been a greater obedience to the established Government in the Church, and no meetings have been held, except by the Fifth Monarchy men; a parcel of them were found together on Sunday last, but were dispersed by the military, who took the principals, to be proceeded against according to law. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 127.]

Aug. 28. Milford. John Powell to Hickes. The *Roebuck* has arrived from the Downs; the *Providence* of Southampton, bound for Newfoundland, having sprung a leak, was forced back again, and now intends selling her goods, and giving over the voyage, it being too late in the year to pursue it. [*Ibid. No.* 128.]

Aug. 28. Same to Williamson. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 129.]

Aug. 29. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The ship is here that waits to transport the Governor of Tangiers. [*Ibid. No.* 130.]

Aug. 29. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. Arrival of 9 merchant ships, which have since sailed; no others are in the Downs. [*Ibid. No.* 131.]

Aug. 29. Breda. Dr. Wm. Allestree to [Williamson]. I have returned from Holland, and am preparing for a journey to Paris, Lord Coventry having recommended me as an attendant to Mr. Curtin; he received me very kindly, but requiring me 3 days earlier than was appointed, I cannot expect to hear from you until I write you from France. [*Ibid. No.* 132.]

Aug. 29. Reprieve for John Temple, should he be sentenced to be burnt in the hand for polygamy. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 167.]

Aug. 29. Warrant to the Ordnance Commissioners to pay the pension and allowance due to Sieur de la Fabvolière, as engineer, &c., up to Michaelmas; also 100*l.* as the King's free gift, and to discharge him utterly from office. [*Ibid.*]

[Aug. 29.] Draft of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 133.]

Aug. 29. Order for a warrant to pay 50*l.* yearly to the Treasurer of King Charles's Hospital for poor children in St. Margaret's parish, Westminster, founded by the late King, the revenues of which were never more than 100*l.* a year, and were half lost by the late dreadful fire in London. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 168.]

Aug. [29.] Drafts of the above, dated July and August. [2 *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *Nos.* 134, 134A.]

Aug. 29. Privy seal for 1,000*l.* to the Earl of Ancram, out of the King's part of the tin that shall be recovered and sold. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 168.]

Aug. 29. Court at Whitehall. The King to the Clerks of the Privy Seal, and the heirs, executors, &c., of those who are deceased since Lord Robartes was made Keeper of the Privy Seal. Lord Robartes having resigned to us

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all his right to the fees which have been collected to his use, by virtue of his office, for passing privy seals, we require you to pay to Gideon Mobileau all sums that you have collected for privy seals; and upon payment, you will receive discharge therefrom. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 135. *See p.* 435, *supra.*]

[Aug. 30.] Court at Whitehall. Petition of Brome Whorwood to the King. On my petition showing that during the usurpation, on a petition of my wife to the then Commissioners of the Great Seal, (I being obnoxious to them for my loyalty), she procured a decree in June 1659, in my absence, that I should pay her 300*l.* a year from Feb. 1656–7 to the date of the decree, being 750*l.*, and continue the same yearly, from my lands in Staffordshire, whilst we live apart. After the Restoration, I was served with a Chancery process to perform this decree, and for not complying, my estate was sequestered.

At length you settled the difference by an award of 18 Feb. [1663–4. *See Calendar, p.* 488], that I should settle part of my estate on trustees for payment of the 300*l.* a year; but this I conceive was only meant to be for the time that I was content to live apart, but not to give her liberty to live away from me longer than I chose. Yet the decree was kept on foot, and I threatened with sequestration, and my house and grounds would have been ruined, had I not taken what conveyances were obtruded on me. I was also forced to pay 500*l.* in part of the arrears of alimony, and you ordered payment of 500*l.* on 20 Aug. 1668, in lieu of all remainders of alimony, which sum was also paid.

My wife then complained of the sequestration expenses, and you ordered that she should bear what she had already paid, but that I should pay what was unpaid. On this she and her agents advanced their bills to 1,000*l.*, and although this was paid, another sequestration was ordered, because I had not performed your award. On 16 July last, I applied to you, and you referred me to the Lord Keeper and Attorney and Solicitor-General. They summoned my wife, but she would not appear, and is carrying on several trials these assizes to gain my estate. I beg you to appoint a time when you can hear me yourself, and order my relief.

With order thereon that the Lord Keeper, before whom the matter betwixt Whorwood and his wife is depending in the Court of Chancery, is to be at liberty at the hearing to proceed to the determination thereof, according to the equity of the whole matter, and as if his Majesty had not interposed therein, Mrs. Whorwood declining his Majesty's extra judicial judgment; this is not to be in any way conclusive to his lordship in making a decree, but he is to proceed as if nothing had been done or ordered by his Majesty. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 65.]

Aug. 30. Copy of the said order. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 136.] *Annexing,*

Order in Council of 18 *Feb.* 1663–4, *above alluded to.* [2 *copies. Ibid. Nos.* 136i, 136ii.]

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Petition of Jane Whorwood to the King, to take cognisance of the fact that her husband has receded from, and left unperformed the orders made by his Majesty on 18 *Feb.* 1663–4, *upon hearing the differences between them. With note by Lord Arlington that the husband denies this.* [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 136III.]

Release and discharge by John Cock, Wm. Garfield, and Wm. Knight, for the sums of 485*l.* 1*s.* 8*d., and of* 548*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.—deducting* 38*l.* 3*s.* 9*d. allowed to Whorwood for seizure and sale of cattle—due to them as commissioners or sequestrators of Broome Whorwood's estate.*—7 *Mar.* 1666–7. [*Ibid. No.* 136IV.]

Decree or order of the Master of the Rolls—on the further hearing of counsel in the suit of Jane Whorwood, plaintiff, and Broome Whorwood, defendant—confirming the former orders, and directing that for non-performance thereof, the sequestration against the defendant's real and personal estate be revived, and that an injunction be issued against his tenants, to pay their rents to the Commissioners of Sequestration, for the plaintiff's use, unless cause be shown to the contrary on the next day of motions.—12 *June* 1667. [*Ibid. No.* 136V.]

Declaration by his Majesty that, when he made a former order for the agreement of Brome Whorwood and his wife, and reconciling the differences betwixt them, he did not foresee the charges of the sequestration that was laid on Whorwood's estate, nor did he intend that the same should be remitted, or he discharged thereof; yet nevertheless he thinks that what has been paid by reason of the sequestration by Mrs. Whorwood, she ought to bear without any reimbursement, but that what is due to any officers, or other persons in the country, by reason thereof, shall be paid and satisfied by the said Mr. Whorwood.—Whitehall, 11 *Aug.* 1666. [*Ibid. No.* 136VI.]

Aug. 30. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Hickes. The *Carolina* and 2 other vessels came in, and have put to sea again with 100 emigrants from Ireland, bound for a new plantation called Carolina; several families are coming there from Barbadoes, New England, and Virginia, as the plantation is likely to prove very advantageous. The *John and Thomas* has also arrived to take in pilchards. [*Ibid. No.* 137.]

Aug. 30. Pendennis. F. B. [Francis Bellott] to Williamson. To the same effect; particulars of the arrival of other ships. [*Ibid. No.* 138.]

Aug. 30. Beaudesert. Sir B. Broughton to Williamson. Tomlinson said if liberty was not given to attend conventicles, there would soon be war, and people would have their throats cut. I hope to hear whether I should make further prosecution of Tomlinson, as he was an eminent officer; those alluded to in the enclosure are only considerable by being members of a grand conventicle. [*Ibid. No.* 139.] *Annexing,*

Depositions of Thos. Hodson, and Thos. Brabins of Bromley Regis, and Thos. Bullephant of Longden, before Sir Bryan

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Broughton, that Wm. Oliver, husbandman, and his two sons, Richard and Thomas, overtaking Thos Hodson on the road, they without any provocation called him a Cavalier rogue, struck him, and said he would soon have his throat cut. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 139i.]

Aug. 30. Yarmouth. Rich. Bower to Williamson. The person who tore down the proclamation against conventicles at the Market Cross is known, but it has been passed over as a foolish unadvised act. Woodroffe the bailiff sent for 3 chiefs of the independent faction, and advised them to forbear meeting, but Thos. Lucas refused, and said the bailiffs had nothing to do with it. Mr. Rowe and Gabriel Woodroffe, brother to the present bailiff, were elected bailiffs for the ensuing year, after a long opposition between Clement Feltham, and Rich. Huntington, an alderman, Ald. Thaxter, Justice Michael Tills, and his son. They laid aside the Act ordering the Sacrament to be taken, as not half [the corporation] had taken it, and this had been done at Norwich and elsewhere. Two ships have arrived from Gallipoli, and another from Dantzic. [*Ibid. No.* 140.]

Aug. 30. Carlisle. Chris. Musgrave to [Williamson]. I owe the favour received from Lord Arlington to your friendship. Baron Turner gave in charge the law against conventicles, and the justices have issued out their warrants for presenting those who are absent from church, and will proceed upon the statute for 12 pence a Sunday, which they conceive the best way to reclaim the rabble. The Baron was acquainted with the actings of some of the justices at the Christmas sessions of the gaol delivery, and was much dissatisfied therewith. I hope that business will be so prepared that they may be made sensible of their error. Mr. Curwen was prosecuted with great zeal, but it was only proved to be manslaughter. [*Ibid. No.* 141.]

Aug. 31. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The ship which has the goods and retinue of the Governor of Tangiers is still at Spithead, waiting for him. [*Ibid. No.* 142.]

Aug. 31. Staveley. Lord Frescheville to Williamson. Pardon my impudent importunity, but if Lord Arlington will not put the Lords of the Treasury in mind of my little affair, they will let it alone to the end of my lease, which is of a longer date, in all probability, than my life. [*Ibid. No.* 143.]

Aug. [31.] Hoddesdon, Tuesday. J. Williamson to Rob. Francis. I send a letter for Lord Arlington, and two seals to be delivered to Swaddell for the use of the office; send all my letters by John, Lady Katherine's servant, as also extracts of all letters by each post to Mr. Ford, my Lord Lieutenant's secretary. You are to let Mr. Ellis have the news, and to send Mr. Povey's letter as soon as received. [*Ibid. No.* 144.]

Aug. 31. Whitehall. Rob. Francis to [Williamson]. I have sent all your letters, and beg pardon for my neglect in that kind. The Queen has been abroad *incognito* with Lady Arlington all day, and has not yet come in; I left word with a page that you charged me to acquaint her with all if she came, but now I suppose she will hardly write. I delivered the gloves to Lady Falmouth's woman,

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and spoke to Arthur about the bows. I have got the map of Candia from Mr. Chiffinch, who this day, in great affliction, puts on his mourning. I have a letter for Lord Arlington from Mr. Povey, as also the list from the Downs, which either I, Bridgeman, or Richards will deliver. I pray for your safe return. [2 *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 145.]

Aug. 31. Farnham. [J. Williamson] to Rob. Francis. Pray send my silver seal, which I forgot, and my letters by express, when the French packet comes in; present my services to Lady Anderson and the other ladies there. You are to attend the office constantly, and to get the French and Latin poetry fairly transcribed. [*Ibid. No.* 146.]

Aug. 31. Chatham. Edw. Gregory and J. Wilson to the Navy Commissioners. We send an account of old provisions and stores, sold by inch of candle in May 1669, and delivered by your warrant. [*Ibid. No.* 147.]

Aug. 31. Portsmouth. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. I send a tender for supply of some provisions. The price is somewhat dear for the country, but it is well conditioned, and I may get some small abatement. Mr. Coles can furnish a parcel of plank. I paid the extra ropemakers and labourers their quarter, and intend to pay the ordinary, and the 2 months to the extra, to-morrow. Names of 3 calkers pressed who have not appeared. [*Ibid. No.* 148.]

Aug. London. Marie Crane to Madame "your highness." All the family are deeply grateful for your favours to my sister, who has the honour of being with your highness, and we implore the benedictions of heaven upon you. [2 *pages. French. Ibid. No.* 149.]

Aug. Copy of the above. [*Ibid. Nos.* 150, 151.]

Aug. London. Certificate that the proofs given of the nobility of the family of Jane Crane are from English heralds, who are officers sworn to verify pedigrees and contracts of marriage, though this is not done in other countries, where the contracts remain with the notaries; but these proofs show that the family is of the ancient nobility, and that the descendants are gentlemen, and capable of any distinction. [*French. Ibid. No.* 152.]

Aug. Reference to the Treasury Commissioners of the petition of Rich. Pendrill, for a lease in reversion of 6 closes of land in Sandbach parish, co. Chester. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 56.]

Aug. ? Pet. of Thos. Moore, soldier, to the King. Standing sentinel near St. James' Park, and ordered to let none pass, Thos. Cook came running down, and in spite of remonstrances, leaped over the ditch. I struck him with the muzzle end of a musket, of which blow he died. I was sent to Newgate thereon, but the trial being on a point of law, it is to be before the judges, when they return from their several circuits, and not till after next term, and meanwhile I must perish in prison. I beg his Majesty's pardon for my offence. [*See p.* 470, *infra. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 153.]

[Aug.] List signed by Lord Arlington of 14 indigent officers, appointed to share the advantages of the Irish Plate Lottery, in proportions specified. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *p.* 166.]

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Warrant to the Master of the Great Wardrobe, for necessaries for the King's closet, according to former precedent. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 85.]

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Warrant for payment to Prince Rupert of 3,500*l.*, which he has disbursed on the King's service, on promise of speedy repayment; the said sum to be paid from the revenue for Ireland, after payment of the arrears of the army there, and of the balance yet unpaid for Audley End, bought by his Majesty from James, Earl of Suffolk. [2 *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 154.]

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Court at Whitehall.

Warrant for a pardon from the sentence of death passed last assizes against Wm. Nicholas, Owen Brickwood, and Hannah Gowler, for robbery, and for their transportation to the foreign plantations. [2 *copies. Ibid. Nos.* 155, 156.]

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Court at Whitehall.

Warrant to the bailiff of Wisbech Castle, Isle of Ely, to order the transportation of the said persons accordingly. [*Ibid. No.* 157.]

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Warrant by Lord Arlington to the postmasters on the northern road, to provide Col. Mowbray with two posthorses and a guide, to carry him to and from London to West Chester, at the usual post rate. [*Ibid. No.* 158.]

Aug.
Deal.

Lists sent by Morgan Lodge to Williamson, of King's and merchant ships in the Downs, and the state of the wind.

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160	Aug. 3	1	1	W. by S.	171	Aug. 17	1	2	—
161	,, 5	1	4	S.	172	,, 19	1	4	W.S.W.
162	,, 6	1	4	E.N.E.	173	,, 20	1	5	W.S.W.
163	,, 8	1	3	—	174	,, 22	1	17	S.
164	,, 9	1	5	W.S.W.	175	,, 23	1	1	S.S.E.
165	,, 10	1	11	S.W.	176	,, 24	1	1	S.E.
166	,, 11	2	24	W.	177	,, 25	1	—	—
167	,, 13	2	15	S.W.	178	,, 26	1	1	S.W.
168	,, 14	1	26	S.W.	179	,, 28	1	6	N.
169	,, 15	1	22	S.W.	180	,, 31	1	2	N.E.
170	,, 16	1	26	S.W.					

Sept. 1.
Plymouth.

John Clarke to Hickes. All the ships have left that put in here by contrary winds. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 181.]

Sept. 1.
Falmouth.

Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect as his letter to Hickes of 30 Aug. Also, the *Jacob's Ladder* has arrived from Sally, and reports that 6 English prizes were brought in there by some Algiers men-of-war, and that the Sally men-of-war take the Hollanders, and carry them into Algiers, on account of the Hollanders having a free trade with Sally; so that betwixt both, they let few pass that they meet with. [*Ibid. No.* 182.]

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Same to Hickes. To the same effect as the latter part of the above. [*Ibid. No.* 183.]

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Edinburgh.

John Snell to Rob. Francis. A weed or grain, growing among oats and barley in the West of Scotland, makes the ale or beer so intoxicating that a gill "will fuddle a man more than a gallon of other drink," and the very bread makes people fall asleep. It is called roseger, or in Latin lolium. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 184.]

[Sept. 1.]
[Whitehall.]

Petition of Peter Ricaut to the King, for a grant of such discoveries as he shall make of moneys concealed between 1643 and 1659, by treasurers, receivers, bailiffs, collectors, &c., and not pardoned. His sufferings for loyalty during the late unhappy wars have brought him to utter ruin. [*Ibid. No.* 185.]

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Reference of the above petition to the Treasury Commissioners. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 70.]

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Castle Cornet.

Sir Jon. Atkins to Williamson. I send you particulars, which I request you to send to Lord Arlington, of the French loss at Candia; they conceal the truth as much as they can. The French talk very briskly of a breach with the Hollander. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 186.] *Enclosing,*

> *List of* 13 *French officers killed, and* 10 *wounded at Candia. There are in all* 160 *officers hurt, and* 30 *of the King's mousquetaires killed, and* 31 *hurt, beside a great number of volunteers. There were at least* 1,800 *lost upon that design.* [*Ibid. No.* 186I.]

Sept. 1.
Deptford.

Thos. Turner and W. Fownes to the Navy Commissioners. We send a bill, wherein you may perceive that Mr. Hosier assumes a power not given him in his instructions, and has no authority to sign his name above ours. It was never known that an examiner set his hand above the particulars, but below; pray order where he shall sign. Our places are of ancient standing, and ever since there was a Navy, and for a young new officer to undervalue them will prove to our discouragement, and of no good service to his Majesty. [*Ibid. No.* 187.]

Sept. 1.
Chatham
Ropeyard.

John Owen to the Navy Commissioners. All the ground tow in the stores was sold to [John] Gould at the sale in May, but he has neither been to view it, nor to fetch it away. [*Ibid. No.* 188.]

Sept. 1.
Chatham.

Capt. John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. I send the storekeeper's account of provisions demanded and received, by which you may the better see what is unsupplied. Timber, spars, &c., are very much wanted. I sent Thos. Hindley—found guilty of stealing the ropes by which the masts were made fast — on board the *Sovereign*, and caused him to be put in the bilboes, till I receive your opinion what shall be done with him, as to corporal punishment or imprisonment. [*Ibid. No.* 189.]

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Chatham.

Certificate by W. Rand and 2 others, that they surveyed 32 casks of beef and 6 casks of pork, which they found so rotten as not to be fit for the service. [*Ibid. No.* 190.]

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Sept. 1. Certificate by Sir Jer. Smith and Rear-Admiral Harman, 21 Oct. 1665, that 22 Dutch prisoners named were victualled on board the *Resolution* for 14 or 17 days; total, 323 days. With note, 1 Sept. 1669, that the allowance is for 216 men for a day. [*S.P Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 191.]

Sept. 1. The *Resolution*. Certificate by Rear-Admiral Harman, of casks, iron hoops, and bags, spent on board the *Resolution*, 21 Oct. 1665. With note by Sir Jer. Smith, 1 Sept. 1669, that the casks only are to be allowed [*Ibid. No.* 192.]

Sept. 2. Deptford. Thos. Turner to the Navy Commissioners. I send you the account ordered. [*Ibid. No.* 193.] *Enclosing,*

> *Account by Thos. Turner and W. Fownes of decayed provisions sold by the candle,* 10 *May* 1669; *with the names of the buyers, and the amount received.* [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 193I.]

Sept. 2. Deptford. Ben. Boate to the Navy Commissioners. I send the names of 6 calkers pressed and summoned to appear at Portsmouth, distinguishing those who did not appear. [*Ibid. No.* 194.]

Sept. 2. Portsmouth. St. J. Steventon to the Navy Commissioners. I gave Commissioner Tippetts a copy of the account 26 June last, since which time the money has been ready, and only wants order for its disposal. [*Ibid. No.* 195.] *Encloses,*

> *Account of unserviceable provisions sold in the yard at Portsmouth,* 19 *May* 1669, *total* 358*l.* 19*s.* 7½*d.*; *with names of the buyers and particulars of the lots purchased.* [*Ibid. No.* 195I.]

Sept. 2. Custom House, Whitehaven. Thos. Addison to Williamson. I had no sooner settled in our new dwelling than an extraordinary cold seized upon me, which has prevented me from managing my affairs, or I would have returned thanks for the free despatch of my patent. Tell me if this poor part of the world can afford anything that would pleasure you. [*Ibid. No.* 196.]

Sept. 2. Isaac Basire, jun., to Rob. Francis. Can you supply the newsletters or not? My father has not received one since his departure from London 6 weeks since. Pray write to him at Durham by to-night's post. [*Ibid. No.* 197.]

Sept. 2. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The King is expected here tomorrow, only to view the Navy and new fortifications, and return to Southampton. The Earl of Middleton has not yet arrived. [*Ibid. No.* 198.]

Sept. 2. Whitehall. Jo. Cooke to Williamson. I enclose a warrant signed by the King, for pardoning a sentinel [Thos. Moore] who killed a man. I sent it to the Attorney-General for him to prepare a bill, but hear that the man was not found guilty of manslaughter, as was supposed, but that the matter was left to a special verdict, for the judges to determine whether it was murder or manslaughter, so that the Attorney-General requires another warrant. Pray get such an one as will comprehend both murder and manslaughter, and then cancel the old one, and if you have power, countersign the new one, as my master [Sec. Trevor] and Lord Arlington are gone out of town. A

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word as to when his Majesty may be expected will be useful, as it will enable me to advertise my master to govern his time accordingly. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 199.]

Sept. 2. Whitehall. Post label from London to Winchester, for a packet [to Williamson]; with note by Rob. Francis that as the packet is for his Majesty's special service, the postmasters are required to give it a speedy despatch. [*Ibid. No.* 200.]

Sept. 2. 11 a.m. Rob. Francis to Williamson. According to yours from Farnham, I sent your letters and the signet. The French and Latin copies of the French Treaty are in good forwardness. I gave your compliments to Dr. Jenkins, Lady Anderson, &c., and spoke to Mr. Wilkes about the house. Secretary Trevor is out of town. Mr. Gregory sends word that Alderman Backwell is not well, and that if you have any concerns there, he will have an eye as to his health, and give me notice of it from time to time; he also reports that Secretary Nicholas died last night. [*Ibid. No.* 201.]

Sept. 2. 11 a.m. Southampton. Jos. Williamson to Rob. Francis. I wrote by the King's coachman for the silver signet which was left behind. Lord Arlington's letters are to be directed to Althorpe up to Saturday, then to Kimbolton up to Tuesday, and after that to Lord Crofts' at Saxham. I hope the bearer, the Duke of Monmouth's gentleman, may arrive early enough for them to be sent to-night. I send letters to be forwarded; send me all my foreign letters, and let extracts of them be sent to Lord Arlington and the Lord Keeper. Remember me to Lady Anderson and Mrs. Cox, and tell them that I will be their harbinger—they know where. [*Ibid. No.* 202.]

Sept. 2. Noon. Southampton. Jos. Williamson to Rob. Francis. I sent you an hour ago some letters by a gentleman of the Duke of Monmouth, which you are to forward. I would have you get the Latin and English copy of the French project fairly transcribed, and make extracts from various papers of which I spoke to you. Remember me to Mr. Povey, and direct Mr. Wilkes to get the house ready. I request a supply of news—bills of mortality, letters, &c.—and all that comes from beyond sea. [*Ibid. No.* 203.]

Sept. 2. Whitehall. Rob. Francis to Williamson. I received your express by the Duke of Monmouth's gentleman at Mr. Newcomb's, where I was upon the narrative of Candia, which he wishes to hasten, hearing there is another in hand. I will send your letters to Lady Thomond and Mr. Hickes, and will enclose the extract; yours to his Lordship I send in Bridgeman's packet. Your house goes on very fast, Mr. Wilkes having put workmen about it. I went to Lady Anderson's, but she was out; I will go again and perform your commands. [1½ *pages. Noted as received at Southampton. Ibid. No.* 204.]

Sept. 2. J. Russell to Rob. Francis. I have been with Mr. Newcomb, who says the corrector was upon the relation, and was Englishing it, but that it could not be done before to-morrow night. I waited long for you at the Angel; I will be with you on Saturday morning. [*Ibid. No.* 205.]

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10 a.m.
Whitehall.

Post label from London to Alton, for a packet to Williamson. With note by Rob. Francis that it is to have speedy despatch, being for his Majesty's special service. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 206.]

Sept. 3.
6 a.m.
Court at
Southampton.

Jos. Williamson to Rob. Francis. I expect a word from you in a few hours by Mr. Booty, the Duke of Monmouth's gentleman. You are to forward all letters, and to remember me to Mr. Gregory and Lady Anderson. Write to me frequently, and even on Sunday by express, for then you will have had your French letters. Swaddell has orders to report the movements of the King, and whatever else happens of news. Alexander must get the lodgings cleansed, during the absence of the Court. [*Ibid. No.* 207.]

Sept. 3.
Chirk Castle.

Lord Herbert, of Cherbury, to Williamson. I desire the news. Letters may be sent to Sir Richard Wynn's at Gwidir, to the care of the Conway postmaster. Thanks for civilities received; I am discontented and melancholy, and I take more interest in business and public affairs than in hunting, hawking, or other country sports, which have no value with me. Remember me to Lord Arlington. I am waylaying the Lord Lieutenant with some impatience, for Michaelmas riggs are dangerous in these narrow seas. I wonder the Duke of Ormond takes so late notice of Lord Meath. I remember the discourse of Court two years since. [*Ibid. No.* 208.]

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Plymouth.

John Clarke to Hickes. Arrival of a small vessel laden with pitch, and of 7 colliers from Wales. [*Ibid. No.* 209.]

Sept. 3.
Chatham.

Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. Without a speedy supply of plank of all sorts, I must discharge the joiners, and cannot carry on the works of the *Newcastle,* and the new ship building.

What is to be done with Thos. Hindley, he being at present in the bilboes on board the *Sovereign?* The bricks, tiles, &c., contracted for when Sir John Mennes was here, are partly brought in, but I find a stop has been put to it, by their hearing that they shall have to go to London for their money, which will be a great hindrance. Let sufficient be imprested to Mr. Gregory, Clerk of the Cheque, for carrying on the works. The 14 lasts of tar arrived will be expended in a fortnight, there being such great want of it in the rope house. Little is done in weighing the wrecks at the Mussle Bank, but I shall be there myself to-morrow, and will give a further account. [*Ibid. No.* 210.]

Sept. 3.
Chatham.

Edw. Gregory and 3 others to the Navy Commissioners. We have viewed the wreck of the *Marmaduke,* and find neither tackle nor furniture; we appraise her bare hull at 145*l.* Noted to be sold 22 Sept. by the candle at Chatham. [*Ibid. No.* 211.]

Sept. 3.
Portsmouth.

Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. I have stopped the wages of Driver, boatswain of the *York,* and others, for reasons mentioned. I desire directions as to Thos. Hunt's information; I suppose he is able to discover as much as any man of that kind of thievery, having used the trade himself, but of late given it off. I should be glad if the rest would do so, but cannot expect it

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unless some of them are taken and punished. The watch had nearly taken two on Sunday night, who had taken hold of a strand of 17 threads, and drawn it out of the rope-house with a hooked stick; but seeing the watch, they fled. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 212.] *Encloses,*

> *Account by H. Salesbury of articles required aboard the* York, *to complete the bostswain's remains.*—22 *June* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 212I.]

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Castle Cornet.

Sir Jon. Atkins to Williamson. A vessel from Toulon reports that the *Admiral* frigate of France is now there, and with him a Basha from the Grand Seignior, with 20 in his train, going to Paris to negotiate with the French King. [*Ibid. No.* 213.]

Sept. 4.
The *Revenge*, off Cape Tenes.

Sir Edw. Spragg to Williamson. I have to-day taken a Turkish prize on my way to Algiers, where I hope to find Sir Thos. Allin. It was a Dutchman, and had been taken by the Turks off Lisbon. There were 12 Turks and Moors aboard, the chief of whom says we shall have no reason to war with them, as the Algerines have got the money together to make any reasonable satisfaction we can demand. I beg to be remembered to Lord Arlington, and to be favoured with a letter. [*Ibid. No.* 214.]

Sept. 4.
Ambleside.

Rich. Brathwait to Williamson. I wonder at not receiving any account concerning the bargain made by your brother George on your behalf, and cannot understand why I should be fooled by either of you, as the day I made the bargain with your brother, I could have had as much money, and all paid within a month; while it is now 14 weeks since the contract was made, and all things hang in suspense. If I cannot make a good estate, free from all encumbrances, I shall not require it of you. You will not be guilty of doing so great an injury as to decline the bargain, without giving a just reason for it. [*Ibid. No.* 215.]

Sept. 4.
Lyme.

Ant. Thorold to Hickes. A vessel from Barbadoes with sugar reports the good condition of that island, and a fruitful crop of sugar the last season. A ship from Morlaix with linen reports that the French are very diligent in carrying on their dock houses at Brest; that 2 great ships are on the stocks there, and that drums are beating every day, for hands to carry on the works. Several vessels are in this port outward bound. [*Ibid. No.* 216.]

Sept. 4.
Milford.

John Powell to Williamson. The *Roebuck* left for Holyhead, to transport Lord Robartes to Dublin. [*Ibid. No.* 217.]

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John Powell to Hickes. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 218.]

Sept. 4.
11 a.m.
Court at Southampton.

Jos. Williamson to Rob. Francis. The King having heard of the death of the Queen Mother, has resolved to return, with the whole Court, to Hampton Court, and has appointed a Council to be held immediately. As he will remain there 14 days, we must think of transferring our office there, and desire you to send stationery, &c., and confer with Lady Arlington and her servant,

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Alexander, as to fitting up lodgings at Hampton for Lord Arlington on his arrival, and keeping the tables, for all the tables are ordered to be kept there.

Direct Secretary Trevor to repair to Hampton Court, and let orders be taken about his lodgings; forward the enclosure to Lord Arlington at Kimbolton or Althorpe. I will be at Hampton on Monday, and hope Mr. Marriott, the housekeeper, will find me a lodging. Tell Mr. Coling, at the Lord Chamberlain's, of the King's resolve.

Let Mr. Perrott hear that the Queen died at 4 a.m. on Tuesday, at Colombiers near Paris, after a long indisposition, with great regret to that Court, and with infinite affliction to his Majesty and his Royal Highness, who received advice of it this morning by express. Mr. Perrot is also to take notice of the death of Sir Edw. Nicholas, one of his Majesty's Privy Council, and Secretary of State, as well to his Majesty as to his late Royal father; he died at his house at Horsley, in Surrey, after a long and tedious sickness. Inform Sir Rob. Southwell, or the Clerk of the Council, that the King will expect to meet the Lords on Monday night at Hampton Court, and that I will be at their service if necessary; give these two words to Dr. Jenkins, and let me have his reply. Send me my letters and the Book of Treaties, news-books, &c., to Hampton Court. [2¾ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 264, *No.* 219.]

Sept. 4. 2 p.m., Whitehall. Rob. Francis to Williamson. I send letters, as also an express from the Lord Ambassador, by desire of Mr. Nott. I have had them extracted for the *Gazette,* and Mr. Perrot has made use of them for the same purpose. Pray pardon my omissions through ignorance. Mr. Petit's *Gazette* and Vernon's letter came by the same express, so we may have none from them to-morrow. [1¼ *pages. Ibid. No.* 220.]

Sept. 4. 7 p.m., Whitehall. Rob. Francis to [Williamson.] I despatched an express to you not many hours since, so have nothing further to communicate. I waited on Lady Anderson and the rest of the ladies, and send their services, as also a letter from Mrs. Cox to Lady O'Brien. I will discharge the further commands contained in the packet sent by Col. Whitley to that family to-morrow; pray get a bill of Lord Ancram's signed by the King, as soon as possible. I gave the Lord General and Lord Keeper extracts of the letters, and left a note for Mr. Povey. [1¼ *pages. Ibid. No.* 221.]

Sept. 4 & 5. London. James Hickes to Williamson. Sir Henry Blunt is dead; I suppose the death of the Queen Mother and my old master, Sir Edw. Nicholas, is no news. Mr. Ellis is confined to his chamber with sickness, but Mr. Weeks and Mr. Cook dined with him here to-day. He says that Weeks is more diligent at Alderman Backwell's, who is dangerously ill, than in looking after your stewardship. It is a sickly time, and the distemper violent and dangerous. P.S.—Sept. 5, at 4 a.m. I have received yours of the 4th, and a packet of letters for Mr. Francis; particulars of their despatch to Lord Arlington and others. I will send your letters to Hampton Court as they arrive. [2½ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 265, *No.* 1.]

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Sunday,
7 a.m.
Whitehall.

Rob. Francis to [Williamson]. I received your express, and am going to take orders for what you commanded. I doubt if Lord Arlington will be in town so soon; I find that Mr. Coling did not intend sending to the Lord Chamberlain until last night. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 265, *No.* 2.]

Sept. 5.
Post Office,
9 a.m.

Rob. Francis to Williamson. I send letters received, as Mr. Hickes wished his to be forwarded express. I gave Alexander his directions, got Mr. Wilkes' his letter to Mr. Marriott, and delivered the letters at Wallingford House, the Duchess of Ormond's and Dr. Jenkins', with my own hand. I shall have an answer from Dr. Jenkins to-morrow, but he desires the longest time that can be allowed. I will attend the Clerk of the Council, as soon as I get back to the office. [*Ibid. No.* 3.]

Sept. 5.
Sunday.

Earl of Bath to Williamson. His Majesty has perused your packet, which he opened in your absence, as coming by express, he supposed there were letters therein for him. He found one for himself from the French Ambassador, and another to his Royal Highness, and returned the rest, which I forward. [*Ibid. No.* 4.]

Sept. 5.
Deal.

Rich. Watts to Williamson. A ship from Holland reports that war has broken out between France and the Dutch; ships from Barbadoes and Virginia report both those places quiet. [*Ibid. No.* 5.]

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Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The Governor of Tangiers cannot get to sea, as the wind is contrary; all things are quiet. [*Ibid. No.* 6.]

Sept. 5.
Oxford.

Hilaire Decry to Rob. Francis. I must apologise for being a dilatory correspondent. I have been some time at Shrewsbury, and thence to Mr. Leighton's, where I met a young lady who sings charmingly, is a niece of your cousin, and kisses your hands. I want the French *Gazettes* once a week. [*French. Ibid. No.* 7.]

Sept. 5.
Plymouth.

John Clarke to Hickes. The *John* of London has arrived, and a ship from the Caribbee Islands. [*Ibid. No.* 8.]

Sept 5.
Portsmouth.

Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. I desire directions on Rich. Faulkner's information. I demanded why he concealed the matter until this time; he answered that he was an apprentice, and bound to keep his master's secrets. I know not what truth there is in the charge, but it is too evident that the practice is much in use; I should be glad to see the guilty found and punished, that others might be afraid to do the like. I suppose this matter had never been mentioned but that a difference happened between the master and servant; the master, going to correct the servant, was beaten by him, and the servant, being turned out of doors, expected his wages from the King. I have forborne payment until your advice be had.

The hoy with spruce deals arrived; I desire that the brass and *lignum vitæ* shivers and blocks for the new ship may be sent, as

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I cannot launch without them. Particulars of the sizes required. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 265, *No.* 9.] *Encloses,*

> *Information of Rich. Faulkner, ropemaker. About 2 years since, being apprenticed to Ralph Heather, I was commanded by him to go aboard divers of his Majesty's ships in the harbour at Portsmouth to fetch goods. I brought 2 hawsers and a cable from the* Ostrich *hulk, &c., and with the help of my fellow-servant Roye, lodged them in my master's storeroom. Also information of Henry Roye. I went aboard the* Ostrich *hoy while serving Ralph Heather, and brought away old splices and clenches to my master's house.—3 Sept.* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 9I.]

Sept. 5. Certificate by Col. John Strode, that the *Lenox* was sent from Dover to Chatham, and was cleaned and tallowed for the service, and that he paid 30*l.* for her fitting. [*Ibid. No.* 10.]

Sept. 6. Chatham. Commissioner J. Cox to the Navy Commissioners. I shall provide brooms and buckets, for the service, and desire to know the prices of candles sent, which were much broken, that I may deal for them here. I send an account from the master shipwright of things required, and of what may be purchased here. I find no engine in store, and the old ones were sent up to be repaired; I leave it to your consideration if a fire should happen.

I went to Mussle Bank, and stayed for the lifting of one of the ships; I have spared them for one day more the same help they had the last three days, so as to get her further on to the bank. Three more are left, which will save charge if blown up. I will send the fellow charged with stealing the rope before a justice at Maidstone, but I believe he will only be imprisoned; by the time of the Assizes, he will learn his lesson to plead not guilty, having no witness to bind over to prosecute. Capt. Pyne tendered a shipload of Norway timber, and I have sent Mr. Lawrence to view it. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 11.]

Sept. 6. Woolwich. Capt. W. Hannam and John Rudd to the Navy Commissioners. We have made the north shore clean of wrecks, and the *House of Swede* is almost clear, there being only some of the bottom left, which will do no damage. We intend to blow away the stern post of the *Phœnix* and lay a buoy, so that our whole work is merely to clear her. [*Ibid. No.* 12.]

Sept. 6. *Sweepstakes*, Downs. Capt. John Narbrough to Col. Thos. Middleton. I have discharged my men to 80, and shall send the muster-books next post. I expect my provisions from Dover, and have room to take in a month's more bread and flesh, having little or nothing between decks. I want a hawser and 6 tarred lines, and will charge my boatswain with them. [*Ibid. No.* 13.]

Sept. 6. London. Levant Company to Sir Dan. Harvey, ambassador. We acknowledge receipt of letters; we notice your meeting with our ships going to Smyrna; the intimation you gave to your predecessor, the Earl of Winchelsea, of your arrival, and your pressing his

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Sept. 6. Lordship's return, as it was expected by his Majesty and the Company; your delivery of our orders; your administering the oath for due payment of consulage; and your reconciling the differences between the factors and others; for all which we return thanks.

We are sorry that no sufficient remedy can be found for the abuses in raw silk, but meantime you must have recourse to the method prescribed in our instructions, and enjoin the factors not to make advantage to themselves by the tare and weight of silk.

We approve of what has been tendered by the Consul and Factors at Smyrna, to be inserted in the capitulations, save the 3rd Article,—that transactions at Leghorn and other parts of Christendom, between English and Armenians or Jews, shall not be called to account in Turkey; and that writings at Leghorn, &c., shall be evidence in Turkey;—this clause you are to expunge, as it will be of no advantage to the trade of England with Turkey, but will tend to an increase of the trade between Turkey and Italy, and encourage the Armenians to enlarge their trade, and bring their own commodities into Christendom, which has already damaged our trade in Turkey.

We do not understand the dragomen's motion concerning 1*s.* 5*d.* of brokage, pretended by them to be their ancient right, and to be now swallowed up by the Jews. The number of dragomen has always been limited, and we desire it may not be exceeded; and when an account of their number, and of the *Giovanni di lingua* has been received, we will consider their condition and requests, but shall not be willing to enlarge expense.

We are satisfied with your opinion touching the proceedings of the Consul at Smyrna, about the *Anne and Christopher*, and the *John and Abigail*, as also the foreign vessel of Leghorn bearing English colours, whereby we might have been prejudiced; we desire that we may be eased of that fear, and that no ship may be permitted to carry English colours.

We notice the information given to our Governor of apprentices being sent over with a few clothes, and being afterwards deserted by the master, which is an abuse; we will take time to consider redress. We are ashamed that any amongst us should so far forget the oath and engagements they are under, as to direct their factors contrary to our public orders. It is a practice we had cause to suspect was formerly in use, although not easy to be discovered; could that be done, the business would be capable of a remedy, which would be of advantage to the Company and their trade.

Your endeavours to suppress the false moneys have been very prosperous, and we hope to find the good effects in future trade. Be careful against admitting another sort of counterfeit coin in circulation in France and Germany, called lion dollars or "abokelps."

We are sorry if our treasurer at Smyrna, Rich. Langley, has given you distaste by forbidding Mr. Hedges to draw money upon him; but we observe that Mr. Hedges had then 2,600 dollars in hand; and needed not to draw more. However, your entertainment will be punctually made good, and we hope there will be no occasion of urging our treasurers, or discouraging the thrift they are bound to observe.

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Having formerly had disputes concerning the charge for shooting guns in Turkey, we judged it necessary that some expense should be incurred upon some occasions, but have now resolved that the Company shall be at no charge, unless the Ambassador or Consul give express orders for the shooting, when they may allow one-third of a dollar for each gun round, and shall not exceed half-a-dollar for good guns, well laden; considering the cheapness of powder, this will be a competent rate, and be a means of preventing the masters from being too much the gainers, for what is as much for their own as the Company's reputation. [4 *pages. Levant Papers, Vol.* 5, *p.* 211.]

Sept. 6.
London.

Levant Company to Wm. Hedges [Treasurer at Constantinople]. We are glad that affairs are carried on without disturbance, and presume you will use all endeavours to continue this, and, as promised, to lessen expenses. We observed in a letter from his lordship (Sir Dan. Harvey) that he had taken a dislike to Mr. Langley, for forbidding you to charge money upon him without order; but as he probably had no cash, he did not amiss, and we observe that you had 2,579 dollars balance of account in hand. We have promised that his lordship shall be paid for his entertainment, and in case our ordinary duties there and at Smyrna fall short to defray that and other expenses, you are to draw bills for England upon our Treasurer.

We received your two years' accounts, which shall be perused, and an opinion given; but as we observe several extraordinary presents put to our account, without the occasion being shown, we desire further information. Resolution adopted as to firing guns, as mentioned in the letter to Sir D. Harvey. [*Ibid. p.* 215.]

Sept. 6.
London.

Levant Company to [Paul] Ricaut, Consul [at Smyrna]. We expect accounts of the interest made of the 2,000 dollars deposited by the owners of the *Greyhound,* and credit for half the capital, which is in our Treasurer's hands. We approve your courses against the importation of false moneys, which have effected its abolition, but we caution you against a new sort of foreign coin, a great parcel of which was imported by the *Genoa Merchant.*

We have your articles sealed, and the accounts of Mr. Mowse, which we shall settle with his executors. We expect you to satisfy us as to the exceptions to the former treasurers, and care to be taken for the brokes of interlopers' cloth brought by our general ships. Our letters of 9 Aug. 1667 will explain our meaning about the 159 dollars difference between treasurers Hedges and Langley.

We are sorry you cannot redress the abuses in raw silks, as it much concerns the trade and poor of England. Meantime the factors must be enjoined not to take any silk without full allowance of tare, and what they receive from the silk merchants is to be made good by them to their principals.

We are glad our affairs there stand so well, and the consulage is so considerable, and trust it will continue, by your care in preventing fraud by concealment. Only disburse what is necessary, or we must except against your accounts; we except against 500 dollars

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for furnishing your house, beside half the former Consul's house rent; nor shall we allow hereafter 200 dollars usually paid the Consul beforehand for petty disbursements, but shall allow needful sums quarterly, so that they do not exceed 200 dollars a year.

We find that a mitigation of strangers' consulage, on goods consigned to our factors, though it might benefit particular men, would prejudice the trade of England, and encourage that of Italy, and would endanger the privileges the English enjoy there, if our factors should colour their goods, and defraud the Grand Seignior of his due custom. But you are to use your discretion as to the favour to be allowed to those that trade in English ships, lest others undermine us by going cheaper.

We observe your account about the Leghorn ship under English colours, and other ships; also about Mrs. Mason and her daughter. They had not our consent for going over, and it would be well to clear the place of both.

From respect to you, we have ordered that your kinsman, James Ricaut, be Chancellor there during our pleasure, at 200 dollars a year; we have also ordered you a gratuity of 2,000 dollars, for your first two years' employment, and 250 dollars for your expenses on the Countess of Winchelsea, and on your journey from Constantinople; but the exceptions already named will be deducted from this. Resolutions about discharge of powder in shooting guns. [*Levant Papers, Vol.* 5, *p.* 216.]

Sept. 6. London. Levant Company to Rich. Langley [Treasurer at Smyrna]. We have received several letters from you since ours of 8 Sept., and acknowledge your pains and care in our affairs, and commend your frugality, the want of which would have a bad influence; the displeasure of the factors, and the complaints of your parsimony, will not act to your disparagement, since you do but your duty, and that tends to the advantage of a most considerable, though languishing trade, requiring all support. But we wonder that you kept so great a sum as 14,000 dollars, the balance of your account, and then charged 11,000 here without any apparent cause, and require an explanation thereon.

We enclose a copy of a letter sent to the present Consul, 10 June, as to our concerns with the late Consul Cave, and beg you to assist in the business and only to retain 2,504 dollars, the interest due from the *Greyhound*, and to deliver the rest of the estate, and the books and papers, to the administrators, and then render an account; if the pawn was not in your hand, say where it is, when you need not doubt of receiving an indemnity from us.

We have considered touching the consulage of strangers' goods consigned to the Company's factors, and the proposal for a mitigation thereof to 1 per cent., in respect of the difficulty of its recovery, and the dependence of the factors upon employment by strangers; but as it would encourage the trade of Italy, and hinder that of England, and besides hazard the Company's privileges in Turkey, we shall still expect the full duty; we desire that if any indulgence is shown, it may be upon our own ships, wherein the Consul has liberty to go so low that none may undermine us by going cheaper, so that the interest of English navigation may be improved. We notice your complaint of the irregularity of the Consul in sending away the *Mary and Martha* without notice, before your business was done; but think the reason given by him that an embargo was feared is a sufficient excuse. Details of exceptions made to the Consul's accounts. We shall continue to except against any charge for eating and drinking, or other novelties; where presents are made, the name and the occasion are to be stated, and your accounts are to be sent every 6 months.

We have left the business of saluting to the Ambassador and Consul, and agreed that the Company shall be at no charge, unless they give express order in writing, when allowances are to be made, as mentioned in former letters. Sir D. Harvey complains of your forbidding Mr. Hedges to draw money; although we do not well understand the matter, we have excused it, supposing that he had good reason for it, and knowing that Hedges had money in hand at Constantinople. We have ordered Consul Ricaut 2,000 dollars as a gratuity for 2 years' service, as also 250 more towards his expenses upon the Countess of Winchelsea, and his journey from Constantinople; but you are to deduct out of it the 500 dollars for furnishing the Consul's house and half his house rent, in case it is already put to our account. [4 *pages. Levant Papers, Vol.* 5, *p* 219.]

Sept. 6. London. Levant Company to [Benj.] Lannoy [Consul at Aleppo]. We acknowledge receipt of letters, with copies of your meetings held there, and particulars sent by you to Constantinople, to be inserted in the capitulations, as also certificates about Martin Loe. We observe the pains taken by you to prevent the circulation of base money, and caution you against the false dollars preparing in France and Germany.

We approve of your not complying with the desire of the Genoa Resident, to employ the Company's factor marine, which would be more hazard than benefit; also of your proceedings about the wet cloth brought up, and your agreement with the Emyn for customs, for which ryals of 8 were not to be had, and hope to find such uncertainty remedied in the new capitulations, by payment of lion dollars for customs. We notice your disputes and trouble with the masters concerning freight to be paid in Seville and Mexico coin, which is not to be had there under 20 per cent.; we will rectify that matter by a positive agreement with our ships.

We are sensible of the damage done by the number of English ships expected at Scanderoon so soon after our general ships, but know not how to remedy it. We approve of your preserving English ships from the service of transporting the Turks to Candia.

We have excepted against the accounts received from the Treasurer, they not being properly signed, and prescribed a mode to be adopted. We object to the charges for eating, drinking, and recreation; if the factors will enjoy themselves, and go abroad with the Turks, it must be at their own cost; but the charge of 15 dollars for walking abroad in the night will be passed over, if it is of ancient standing, and customary with all nations. We are informed by our Husband that 40 barrels of tin were shipped in the *Zante* frigate by

Lancelot Hobson for London, but it has not been entered nor the duties paid, although security has been taken for it. [2¼ *pages. Levant Papers, Vol.* 5, *p.* 223.]

Sept. 6. London. Levant Company to Mun Brown [Treasurer at Aleppo]. We received your letters, with entries of ships and promise of accounts, the latter of which we expect. We need not enlarge, as you are quitting our employ as Treasurer, for which office we will shortly choose another, and have given instructions to the Consul, who will communicate with you, or the person that may succeed you. [*Ibid. p.* 226.]

Sept. 6. Loddington. Dr. Jos. Bentham to Williamson. I would have waited on you had I known of your sudden coming to Billing, but I know you are active for me. What I wrote about has been granted by the Archbishop's means to Dr. Outram, who is worthy of it. Our bishop has issued citations to the Nonconformist preachers, who still continue their conventicles, to appear before him at Peterborough next court day. Browning, who was sent to gaol on Whitsunday for 3 months, returned to Rowel [Rothwell ?] a fortnight since in great triumph, and seeks to redeem the time lost in prison, by doubling his pains since his return. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 265, *No.* 14.]

Sept. 6. Bristol. James Baskerville to Williamson. The *Little George* has arrived from Jamaica, and gives a good account of its condition, and of their late successes against the Spaniards in the neighbouring parts, and particularly that of taking the town and castle of Malacaj and Giblatore, and destroying 2 of their great men-of-war and taking another of 12 or 14 guns, so that they returned with much prize. The King's proclamation against conventicles takes little effect, though one of the speakers has been secured; but he preaches out of the grate to a numerous congregation. [*Ibid. No.* 15.]

Sept. 6. Yarmouth. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Gabriel Woodruff, one of the newly elected bailiffs, has got off by means of his brother, the present bailiff, paying a fine of 40*l.*; Capt. Thos. Ravens, head Chamberlain, who never goes to church, and goes regularly to the meetings, was elected, but he also got off by paying 10*l.*; thereupon they chose Peter Caulier, a merchant, who removed hither from London, is a discreet man, and attends the rites of the Church, so that he and John Rowe stand as the bailiffs for the ensuing year, commencing at Michaelmas. Public meetings, to the number of 1,200 or 1,400 in one place, are held twice every Sabbath, besides once on every Thursday, notwithstanding the proclamation.

About 200 vessels lie at the quay, ready for the herring fishing. The *Forester*, one of the Iceland convoy, has arrived, and the fleet is daily expected, a few having already come in. [*Ibid. No.* 16.]

Sept. 6. Hull. Charles Whittington to Williamson. Arrival and departure of ships. Much damage has been done in Derbyshire by thunder and lightning, several persons being slain, and some horses and cattle burnt and killed. Great earthquakes have been observed in Yorkshire, to the terror of the people. A man-of-war of Enchuysen is

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in Bridlington Bay, taking in beer, &c.; she was waiting on the Holland fishing boats. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 265, *No.* 17.]

Sept. 6. Col. Guy Molesworth to Williamson. Pray acquaint Lord Arlington that I have moved the Duke of Albemarle to join with the Duke [of York ?] in speaking to the King on my behalf, and he promises to do it at Hampton Court, as he will be there on Wednesday. I beg your influence in the matter. Thanks for your kindness to my unfortunate family. [*Ibid. No.* 18.]

Sept. 6. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Hickes. I hear by a seaman from Ireland, who escaped in a boat, that his ship, the *Susan and Ann* of London, from Barbadoes, sprang a leak at sea and sank, the commander, Capt. Reed, and 14 men being all drowned. About 50 or 60 sail of ships are in the harbour, bound for France and the Straits. [*Ibid. No.* 19.]

Sept. 6. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Hickes. The *Friendship* of London has arrived bound for Guinea; several others are ready to put to sea the first fair wind. [*Ibid. No.* 20.]

Sept. 6. Norwich. Nich. Wood to Williamson. The assizes will begin on Wednesday, and we shall have more news, as there are many thieves, 2 or 3 murderers, and above 30 Quakers in the castle. I am going to learn Latin of one living hard by. P.S.—Our gains [in the Royal Oak lottery ?] this week are 9*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.*, and expenses 3*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.*; balance, 5*l.* 16*s.* [*Ibid. No.* 21.]

Sept. 6. London. James Hickes to [Williamson]. Though I was detained by the non-appearance of your man, John Hewett, yet I hope the packet was received by you at Farnham Castle last night. It was well Francis did not see the contents, as he would not have been well pleased. I forward you letters from Billing. Mr. Ellis is still much indisposed, but I hope the worst is over with him; otherwise my Lord and this office would suffer, as I never expect to see his fellow in understanding so clearly what is to its advantage. [*Ibid. No.* 22.]

Sept. 6. Noon. Whitehall. Rob. Francis to Williamson. I send a book, &c., by George Littlefield of the Council Chamber, who has been sent down by Sir Ed. Walker to act in his place, he being a little indisposed. I suppose Sir Rob. Southwell, being come down, may possibly officiate. I have letters from Mr. Hickes and others, which I will send on receipt of Dr. Jenkins's answer, and will forward the screen by Alexander. My lord's gentleman of the horse has come to town, and reports that my Lord (Arlington) will be at Hampton Court tonight. I waited on Lady Anderson, and informed her of the King's resolution. [1⅔ *pages. Ibid. No.* 23.]

Sept. 6. Dr. L. Jenkins to Williamson. I send letters for the Lord Keeper. Preserve the enclosed, if you can, for my second thoughts, before copies are taken. [*Ibid. No.* 24.]

Sept. 6. 3 p.m. Whitehall. Post label for a packet to Hampton Court. With note by Rob. Francis to the postmaster, to give it speedy despatch, it being for his Majesty's special service. Received past 7 p.m. [*Ibid. No.* 25.]

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Sept. 6. 3 p.m. Whitehall. Rob. Francis to [Williamson]. I send letters and the book of treaties, &c., which have been delayed, expecting an answer from Dr. Jenkins. My Lord is not yet come. I called Alexander out of bed yesterday, to go and give his lordship's servants timely notice to prepare for his reception. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 265, *No.* 26.]

Sept. 6. Bagshot. Jos. Williamson to Francis. I shall not be in town until to-morrow morning; deliver the enclosed to Lord Brien and Mr. Hickes. [*Ibid. No.* 27.]

Sept. 6. 5 p.m. Hampton Court. Same to the Same. I desire all my letters may be forwarded, and not delayed a day or two as the French letters were, which is like all the rest of your service. I take it very ill that you will not mend your follies. I want Kidd, my tailor, to come to-morrow and take measure for a mourning suit of fine cloth, with a tunic. The news-books have not been sent to the Queen; you do ill in neglecting my repeated orders. [*Ibid. No.* 28.]

Sept. 6. Bagshot. 10 p.m. Same to the Same. I found your express on our return from Windsor, but it was a thin crop for 2 posts; our correspondents want rubbing up. I desire extracts of the inland letters, and of any private letters of concern. You should open all my letters privately, and let nobody see them till you have judged what is fit to come to other eyes. You are not to open any from Hickes, but send them as received. I shall be in town on Tuesday [7 Sept.]. [*Ibid. No.* 29.]

Sept. 6. 10 p.m. Same to [the Same]. You are to wait on the Treasurer with the enclosed, and forward his answer by express. If he is out of town, you may open the letter, and attend Sir Wm. Coventry, my Lord General, or Sir George Downing for an answer, the point relating to the Treasury. Those for the Queen, the Duchess, and Col. Talbot, are to be delivered with your own hand. Enclose some *Gazettes.* [*Ibid. No.* 30.]

Sept. 7. Hampton Court. Same to the Same. I will be in town to-morrow at 4 or 5 p.m., and you must make appointments with Wilkes, Povey, Gregory, Dr. Jenkins, and others to see me; forward my house all you can. I enclose a letter for Mrs. Cox, and beg to be remembered to Lady Anderson. [*Ibid. No.* 31.]

Sept. 7. London, 12 at night. James Hickes to Williamson. I delivered the letter for the Lord Ambassador in Paris into the Foreign Office. Particulars of letters sent, including one from Billing, which if you have not received, Francis must answer for it. [*Ibid. No.* 32.]

Sept. 7. Stoneraize. Jo. Watson to Williamson. Pray procure some employment for my son. I have been at great charge for his education, and after he has taken his degree at Michaelmas, I shall not be able to do any more for him, which makes me bold in soliciting your interest on his behalf. [*Ibid. No.* 33.]

Sept. 7. The *Revenge.* Cape Martin. Sir Edw. Spragg to Williamson. Repetition of his letter of the 4th inst. I was making all haste to Sir Thos. Allin at Algiers, but have been beating about by contrary winds, and have put into here to water. Pray remember me to Lord Arlington. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 265, *No.* 34.]

Sept. 7. Whitehall. H. M[uddiman] to the Earl of Exeter, Burleigh, Stamford. Letter of news. The Lord Lieutenant departed from his house in Chelsea on the 6th instant with a train suitable to the grandeur of so great an office.

Letters from Malaga report that the English frigates have taken a Sally man-of-war of 8 guns, and had hopes of destroying the remainder, there being 5 looking after them. The *Providence* of Lyme has arrived at Lyme from Morlaix. The *Constant Warwick* and 2 others have sailed from Genoa for Leghorn. The man-of-war never saluted, but sent to ask the Duke if he had ordered any officer to come aboard and command him to strike; the Duke denied sending any such order, but said the man-of-war could use his own discretion whether he went out of the Mould or not, on which the captain went out, and cast anchor, expecting the other ships that went along with him.

The Spanish Ambassador has at last promised to pay the Swedes 20,000 rix dollars, being the first payment of the subsidies. The ceremony of installation at Stockholm was far more magnificent than was ever known; one of the medals struck for the occasion is about the size of a crown, and bears the George on one side, with the inscription, "*Salus populorum,*" and on the other 2 crowns and 2 X, with a little George underneath, and the inscription, "*Honi soit qui mal y pense,*" and overhead an inscription, "*Concordia Regum.*"

The accounts from Candia make the French valour to be much abated, the Turks to have gained on the garrison since their coming, and the city to be in a more desperate condition than when they landed. [3 *pages. Ibid. No.* 35.]

Sept. 7. London. James Banister to Lord Arlington. Have you received orders from Holland for my going to Surinam, or has Sir Wm. Temple given any assurance of obtaining the States General's order for the removal of my family and estate from thence? I desire your advice how to obtain a speedy end of my troubles, being banished from my wife and property, for no other reason than my loyalty to my King and country; without your favour, I shall be utterly ruined. [*Ibid. No.* 36.]

Sept. 7. Petition of Wm. Fergison, mariner, to the King. My father was your Majesty's shoemaker, and received at Worcester, where he was taken prisoner, a wound of which he died. I served in all the wars since the Restoration, under Rear-Admiral Utber, Capt. Reeve—with whom I was taken prisoner, and suffered 11 months' imprisonment in West Friezland—and Sir Thos. Allin, and was forced to leave the sea in April last, having broken the thumb of my right hand. I have been sentenced to death for picking the pocket of one Dowen of 46s., though I never wronged any man of one penny. I beg for a pardon. With report of Sir John Howell, Recorder, that Fergison was convicted upon the single testimony of Dowen, who might have been mistaken in the person that robbed him, and that divers credible persons appeared on his behalf. [*Ibid. No.* 37.]

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Portsmouth.

Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. I send the names of 6 calkers who have not appeared, and hope they will be found out, and dealt with as they deserve. I think Cole's plank fit for the yard, but he will make no proposals till he has been in Sussex. I shall see Peter Hasler's, and oblige him not to dispose of it till I have seen it, though I know inquiries are made for such goods, and a greater price set than you give; but it must be paid for on delivery.

I hope an allowance of 60*l.* or 80*l.* will be granted to fence the King's house with a wall, and fit it with other needful conveniences. I would gladly set it in hand before I take my journey to Yorkshire, that it might be done before winter, which would encourage me to get down my family for the time I am appointed to reside here, and would save my successor the trouble when his time comes. The examination of Hunt is in your solicitor Mr. Jones' hands, and I have no copy. Pray send the bill for 200*l.* to be signed by Eastwood the purveyor, that the carting of the new ship's frame may not be hindered, for want of money for bringing in the timber. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 265, *No.* 38.]

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Jonas Shish to the Navy Commissioners. I want to lay the gun deck and calk it, to keep the frame of the ship dry, and employ the shipwrights and calkers in wet weather. I could do it in 3 weeks or a month, if I had 20 loads of knees, and 6 beams. A barge of Mr. Shorter's timber has come to the quay, but there is none fit for the service; there is a New England mast at Woolwich that will make a mainmast for the *London*, and save the King 30*l.* in timber and work, if you will give order to the storekeeper to deliver it. [*Ibid. No.* 39.]

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Same to the Same. I have surveyed 3 parcels of East-country plank, and find it useful for the service. [*Ibid. No.* 40.]

Sept. 8.
Deptford.

Thos. Turner to Thos. Hayter. I have no stuff in the yard to make the shivers for Portsmouth; shall Edghill make them out of his own stuff? [*Ibid. No.* 41.]

Sept. 8.
Southampton.

Thos. Butler to Williamson. I send a petition according to directions. I know the person to be honest and loyal, and as you have encouraged me so far, I beg your further assistance on his behalf. The child's name is John Warner, the same as his father. [*Ibid. No.* 42.]

Sept. 8.
Falmouth.

Thos. Holden to Williamson. The *Ingram*, *Dorothy*, and other vessels put to sea, laden with pilchards and piece goods for the Straits, &c. The *John and Thomas* still remains in the harbour. [*Ibid. No.* 43.]

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Same to Hickes. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 44.]

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Deal.

Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. Twelve merchantmen bound for Barbadoes, Virginia, New England, and various parts of France, and the Straits, sailed to-day. The *Sweepstakes* remains in the Downs. [*Ibid. No.* 45.]

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Sept. 8. Fra. Mason to Rob. Francis. I beg employment, having been recommended by Mr. Carnabie. I was bred a clerk, but have acted as steward and secretary to various noblemen. I will wait upon you to know what advantages belong to the butler's place in Kent you named to me. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 265, *No.* 46.]

Sept. 8. Northumberland House. Hen. Champion to Williamson. Rich. Seymour wishes for a pass for 6 geldings to go to France. [*Ibid. No.* 47.]

Sept. 8. Hampton Court. Petition of Hen. Coe to the King. Was condemned at the Old Bailey sessions for 2 felonies, in stealing a few books of small value. Is a young man, and sorry for past offences, and asks, in memory and honour of his Majesty's dearest mother, who has lately departed this life to eternity, for stay of his execution. With note [by Williamson] that the reprieve was granted at the Lord Chamberlain's suit, without a previous reference. [*Ibid. No.* 48.]

Sept. 8. Hampton Court. Warrant for reprieve of Hen. Coe for felony. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 168.]

Sept. 9. Coventry. Ralph Hope to Williamson. The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland arrived last night, and lodged at the Bull. He was received at the entrance of the city by the Mayor and brethren, and the several companies in their robes, and was entertained with a most excellent speech from the Mayor, in the name of the rest, and also—which was a better present—with 2 dozen of wine, 2 sugar loaves, and a keg of sturgeon. The Earl of Denbigh, Countess of Southampton, and others, also waited upon him, and will accompany him to Sir Clement Fisher's, who intends a treat; thence he goes forward to Lichfield to-night.

There was a fire at Northampton on Monday, which in less than 3 hours, destroyed 17 dwelling-houses. The repairs of the cross at Coventry are almost finished, and it will be "more glorious and beautiful than ever." A very contagious distemper is raging about, of which many die, but the city is perfectly free. There is no cessation of the conventicles as yet. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 265, *No.* 50.]

[Sept. 9.] Advertisement that Dr. Wm. Sermon, who lately cured Lord General Albemarle, is removed from Bristol, and may be seen daily, especially in the forenoon, at his house in West Harding Street, in Goldsmiths' rents, near Three-legged Alley, between Fetter Lane and Shoe Lane, London. [*See the London Gazette of the day. Ibid. No.* 51.]

Sept. 9. Hampton Court. The King to John, Bishop of Durham. Capt. Marmaduke Allenson, of the bishopric of Durham, holds a lease of Quarrington Grange for a number of years. As he has suffered much for loyalty, we recommend that his lease be exchanged for one for lives, on his submitting to reasonable fines and conditions. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 27, *f.* 12.]

Sept. 9. Portsmouth. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. I have suspended Faulkner's wages till further order. I rode to Emsworth

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and viewed Peter Hasler's timber, which is very good; but I can bring him to no lower terms than 3*l.* 18*s.* a load ready money, to be paid on delivery of every 50 loads. I think Mr. Cole's may be too little for this yard, but I do not hear of any other; I therefore think you had best lay hold of this, which is about 130 loads. I looked over the general demand, and find I have not received one-fourth of the plank, and the whole will be too little, regard being had to the second-rate ship begun. Will you allow the rates for ironwork had of Mr. Perrin? having served in 400*l.* worth, he calls for bills, and expects the money here. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 265, *No.* 52.]

Sept. 10. Lisbon. Consul Thos. Maynard to the Navy Commissioners. I have received ashore all the stores sent by the *Jerusalem*. Sir Thos. Allin departed from Cadiz, with 20 men-of-war and 4 fireships, 21 August, and divided the fleet into 3 squadrons, in order to the meeting with some Turkish men-of-war, to facilitate his negotiations at Algiers. [*Ibid. No.* 53.] *Encloses,*

Account by Thos. Maynard of stores received from Capt. Francis Wiltshire, commander of the Jerusalem.—*Lisbon, Aug* 1669. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 53I.]

Sept. 10. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. Two ships sailed for Virginia; no other news. [*Ibid. No.* 54.]

Sept. 10. Court at Whitehall. Pass for Richard, Earl of Arran, to come to England, to attend his private affairs, and remain as long as needful, giving notice to Lord Lieutenant Robartes. [*Ibid. No.* 55.]

Sept. 10. Letter Office, London. Folding sheet directed by James Hickes to Williamson, Whitehall, or in his absence, to Mr. Francis. [*Ibid. No.* 56.]

Sept. 10. Warrant for a commission to Sir Thos. Strickland, Sir Edw. Dering, and Rob. Milward, to execute the office of Keeper of the Privy Seal during the absence of Lord Robartes, who is appointed Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 168A.]

[Sept. 10.] Draft of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 265, *No.* 57.]

Sept. 10. Grant to Lord St. John of the office of woodward and keeper of all woods and underwoods in Chute, Pamber, Aliceholt, East Beare, West Beare, and New Forest; and in the manors of Odiham, Rumsey, Hook, and Worthy Mortimer, and park of Odiham, all co. Hants. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 170.]

Sept. 10. Reference to the Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench of the petition of Sam. Taynton, to be put into the next pardon for convicts. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 68.]

Sept. 10. Earl Rivers to Lord St. John. I have heard of the death of the late Queen Mother, from whom I had the stewardship of Halton Manor, Cheshire, being in her jointure. I request you to present my petition about the stewardship which, though of small value, has been long enjoyed by my ancestors. I shall be at Richmond next

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week, and will then, by your leave, spend 3 or 4 days at Bolton [Abbey ?]. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 265, *No.* 58.] *Encloses,*

> *Petition of Thomas, Earl Rivers, to the King, for continuation of the patent granted him by the late Queen Mother, of the stewardship and custody of Halton Castle, Cheshire.* [*Ibid. No.* 58I.]

[Sept. 10 ?] Latin verses addressed to Charles II., on his receipt of the tidings of the death of Henrietta Maria, Queen Mother. *Inc.,*

Lassatus curis, diræque caloribus urbis,
Quæ visa est flammas usque fovere suas.

[*Ibid. No.* 59.]

Sept. 11. Whitehall. Rob. Francis to [Williamson]. I send some letters, with an extract for the Lord Keeper. We expect the French mail to-morrow, and I will send the letters with all speed, that they may be with you before you begin your journey for this place. Your house goes on apace. I crave your pardon for all my miscarriages. Mr. Perrott desires to keep the *Gazettes* for further use, as there is nothing in them which is not in your letter. [*Ibid. No.* 60.]

Sept. 11. Hampton Court. [Jos. Williamson] to Francis. I wonder I heard nothing of you yesterday. As I shall be at Lady Anderson's to-morrow, you need not send the French packet, unless it arrives early enough to be used for the *Gazette,* and is sent here before 3 or 4, when we shall leave. Send to Arundel House and inquire for Mr. Marriott, Lord Hen. Howard's steward; if he is not there, send to Lord Brouncker's house in Covent Garden, where he is sure to be heard of, being Clerk of the Council to the Queen; I must see him on Monday. Pray hasten the presses of the Paper Office, and have my little house in Scotland Yard ready. I want M. Merinville and my tailor to meet me on Monday, at Lady Anderson's. [1½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 61.]

Sept. $\frac{11}{21}$. Leghorn. Earl of Castlemaine to Lord [Arlington]. I am much surprised to find that the English relation of the Dutch war, which you desired me to publish, has been stopped by you. I sent it to you first, knowing that things that appear good seem the contrary to those that stand at the helm, and then you could have done as you thought fit; but now, having printed it 14 months ago in French, and promised it in English, its suppression will seem very strange, and people will think there is treason or faction in it. It is a short account of a glorious victory, of which falsities and ignorance, both at home and abroad, would rob us. There was nothing more than you saw, except an epistle saying things of you which I knew you deserved, but this could have been laid aside. I suppose you have reason for this, and as I never merited an unkindness, I will not deem this one. Pray deliver my papers to my steward, with your further commands. [*Ibid. No.* 62.]

Sept. 11. Deptford. Jonas Shish to the Navy Commissioners. Mr. Mayors, the purveyor, has marked 5 loads of Mr. Glyde's knees, and has treated for the lowest price, which will be 4*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.* a load, ready money. They are worth the money, and will put the work of laying the middle gun-deck forward. [*Ibid. No.* 63.]

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Sept. 11.
Woolwich.
Edw. Byland to the Navy Commissioners. I send the reasons why the *Adam and Eve* hoy is not unloaded; we need more labourers. The calkers are at work upon her; she is in a bad condition, but shall be suddenly despatched. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 265, *No.* 64.]

Sept. 11.
Sweepstakes, Downs.
Capt. John Narbrough to the Navy Commissioners. I sent two muster books by the post, which have been delayed by the purser's being ashore. [*Ibid. No.* 65.]

Sept. 12.
Portsmouth.
Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. I send a contract made with Mr. Newland for timber; it is as cheap as could have been had in London. I expect a quantity of plank, pitch, and tar shortly. The *Kitchen* is here, repairing the damage received by a vessel running aboard of her; the *Merlin* yacht has put back to Spithead. [*Ibid. No.* 66.]

Sept. 12.
Whitehall.
Rob. Francis to Williamson. I send letters from Spain, &c., for the King, Lord Arlington, Mr. Wren, and yourself, Lady Harvey, and Father Patrick. Mr. Perrott is making extracts of others for the *Gazette*. Mr. Leigh begs to be remembered. [1¼ *pages. Ibid. No.* 67.]

Sept. 12.
Portsmouth.
Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The Governor of Tangier has left with a very good wind. [*Ibid. No.* 68.]

Sept. 13.
Pendennis.
Fras. Bellott to Williamson. Arrival and departure of ships. A vessel from New York has come in, laden with Virginia tobacco; the master, John Lucas of Topsham, bound for Amsterdam, gives a good account of the place whence he comes, whereof Col. [Fras.] Lovelace is the Governor. [*Ibid. No.* 69.]

Sept. 13.
Falmouth.
Thos. Holden to Hickes. Arrival and departure of ships. A vessel from Rochelle reports that 25 Newfoundland ships were cast away in a storm. [*Ibid. No.* 70.]

Sept. 13.
Deal.
Rich. Watts to Williamson. The ships that came in outward bound have sailed, but the violence of the north and east winds prevents any coming into the Downs. A Sandwich vessel from Amsterdam says that in Holland there is great preparation for war, and speaks as if they were afraid of the French by land this winter. [*Ibid. No.* 71.]

Sept. 13.
West Chester.
Hen. Ford to Williamson. I received your letter, and shall be glad to correspond with you. [*Ibid. No.* 72.]

Sept. 13.
Norwich.
Nich. Wood to Williamson. I send an account of the losses, 4*l.* 19*s.*, and gains 7*l.* 17*s.*, for the week [in the Royal Oak lottery ?]. We expected to have good doings this week, but it has proved contrary, and we have no better hopes so long as we stay at Norwich. The assizes not being done, I cannot say how many will suffer, but will send an account. [*Ibid. No.* 73.]

Sept. 13.
Exeter.
Fras. Ryley to Williamson. Account of the charges at the Royal Oak [lottery], amounting to 2*l.* 16*s.* As our lying here will consume the bank, which is already 4*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* short, we beg an order for removing. [*Ibid. No.* 74.]

Sept. 13.
Yarmouth.
Rich. Bower to Williamson. I informed you that Peter Caulier had been chosen in the room of Capt. Thos. Ravens, who got off by

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paying 10*l.* fine. Hearing that Caulier had not renounced the covenant, I showed him the Act for regulating corporations, upon which he refused to act, and an assembly is to meet to-morrow to prevail with him to hold or go to a new election; but I doubt whether they will find a person qualified according to the Act, and then they will take persons into the house who have destructive designs. I think the last chosen is well affected both to Church and State, his want of renouncing the covenant excepted. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 265, *No.* 75.]

Sept. 13. Thwaite. Sir Geo. Reeve [Bart.] to [Williamson]. After the death of Sir Rob. Brooke, I understood that the Duke of York had commanded Lord Howard to appoint Capt. Peaps to succeed him, so I could give you no encouragement in that enterprise; but if Lord Arlington will write to Lord Howard, now at Tangiers, he may secure his interest at Thetford before the election. The letter should be sent to the porter at Arundel House, to be forwarded to his lordship's agent, Mr. Fox, at Stradbroke, Suffolk.

I am confident that on his lordship's return at Michaelmas, he will go to Thetford, and Burridge Martin, and Osmond Clarke, his tenants, will then so settle the business that you need not doubt the result, though I hear Sir John Knevett will stand for it. If my lord would write to Lord Townshend, to employ Capt. Kendall, another of Lord Howard's tenants living at Thetford, to join the other two in your behalf, you might sit still and fear no opposition. I will wait upon you and Lord Arlington before the opening of Parliament. [*Ibid. No.* 76.]

Sept. $\frac{13}{23}$. Brussels. F. Crane to Rob. Francis. Tell me whereabouts in Lorraine my sister Jane is, that I may see her in going to Paris. I should delight to be your correspondent. Pray send this letter to my wife. [*Ibid. No.* 77.]

Sept. 13. Chester. Ma. Anderton to Rob. Francis. I delivered your letter to Secretary Ford, and paid 1*s.* 6*d.* for postage. The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, accompanied by Messrs. Muschamp and Blundell, arrived on the 11th (10th?), and has gone this morning into Wales, intending for Denbigh, and then for Holyhead. Lord Herbert of Cherbury will meet him at Conway, and accompany him to Ireland. [*Ibid. No.* 78.]

Sept. 13. Chester Castle. Sir Geoffery Shakerley to Williamson. The Lord Deputy (*sic*) arrived in the city on Saturday, accompanied by his retinue, Mr. Muschamp, one of the farmers, and Squire Blunden (*sic*), and put up at the White Bull, from which he went this morning for Holyhead, on his way to Ireland. I welcomed him with a volley of small shot from the Castle, on his arrival and departure. Our Dean, Prebendary [Wm.] Bispham, and Mr. Bridges preached sermons before him, after which the Recorder and Aldermen visited him. I, with some gentlemen of the city, as also Sir Amyas Meredith, brother-in-law to the late Bishop Hall, also waited upon and accompanied him some miles out of the city. [*Ibid. No.* 79.]

Sept. 13. Carlisle. Eras. Towerson to Williamson. Mr. Christian is now attempting to oust me of my office. I offered to join issue with him as to the

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most easy way of bringing our differences to a trial, but he refused; and after having very craftily got the books of entries, and my seal of office, he began to declare his intentions, and to endeavour to jostle me out of all, though the articles positively declare that he shall not molest or displace me while I do nothing illegal. I still keep possession, sign docquets, and take fees, and shall do so until forcibly dispossessed, which I shall not easily yield to.

I beg you will write to him to use more justice and friendship, lest provocation may induce retaliation, which may be dangerous to a person who, in 1667, seized Scotch cattle that came in after the time allowed by the Act, and took private compositions for them, to the value of 600*l.*; and who also, in 1668, having frightened the drovers that they dared not bring in cattle as the year before, then compounded with them on the Scotch side, to bring it in after the time limited, and by that got 200*l.* or 300*l.*, besides bonds now in being, so that some men can warp Acts of Parliament every way to serve their ends. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 265, *No.* 80.]

Sept. 13. Chatham. Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. I hear nothing of the 300*l.* promised, and if I have no money by the end of the week, I must keep the men employed upon the wrecks longer than needed; as soon as the deals come down, I shall set the carpenters to repair the hemp storehouse. I ordered the horse-boat to Deptford, there being moorings to be taken up the ensuing spring [tide], which will be put into her at less charge than the lading of her with the junk on the wharf.

The work of the new ship is well followed, and in a month, her beams will be in, if we can have a ship's lading of plank. I bought 3,000 brick bavins at 11*s.* per 100, and the bricklayer needs 50,000 tiles for the store and dwelling-houses. Justice Wood has sent down the spars bought of him, and the rest of the tar and pitch is also received from [John] Stacy. [*Ibid. No.* 81.]

Sept. 13. Chatham. Edw. Gregory to the Navy Commissioners. Ant. Charleton was pressed in Sept. 1668, and Thos. Pickernell appeared in his stead, and continued till the 4th current, since which he has been absent. Mr. Bowtwell pressed 20 calkers in June last, and again gave press and conduct money to Charleton; but although in good health, he never made his appearance. [*Ibid. No.* 82.]

Sept. 13. Thos. Turner and W. Fownes to the Navy Commissioners. We have examined the books of Thos. Harper, storekeeper deceased, and find there was received out of the *Friesland*, shipped from Bristol by Sir John Knight and Dan. Furzer, the particulars mentioned in the certificate sent. [*Ibid. No.* 83.]

Sept. 14. Portsmouth. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. I have concluded with Mr. Hasler on the best terms I could, and judge it is no hard bargain. I will hasten in the timber, and entreat that the money may be ready to comply with the contract sent. I perceive you allow of the rates for Mr. Perrin's ironwork, which I expect to receive here, or I must add the charge of receiving it at

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London. He has 480*l.* due to him, and I promised he should receive 220*l.* here, and a bill is made out for it; he wants the rest paid here. What answer am I to make him? There is no black oakum, and the storekeeper can get no more without money; pray grant him a bill for some, that no time may be lost in our repairs. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 265, *No.* 84.]

Sept. 14. Woolwich. Edw. Byland to the Navy Commissioners. Col. Middleton being here yesterday, was troubled to see provisions not in their places; as want of strength is the cause, I ask for 18 more labourers. [*Ibid. No.* 85.]

Sept. 14. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. An Ostender from Bilbao has arrived; 2 vessels sailed for Virginia. [*Ibid. No.* 86.]

Sept. 14. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. A ketch is reported to have arrived at Dover from the East Indies, which has been coming ever since the war with Holland; the master and mate dying, and the rest being no artists, they could not find the way. The Sandwich men imprisoned at Rumney, by order of the Guestling and Brotherhood, are come home; they were met by about 40 Sandwich horsemen. [*Ibid. No.* 87.]

Sept. 14. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. No news; the new ship is expected to be launched on Michaelmas Day. [*Ibid. No.* 88.]

Sept. 14. Staveley. John, Lord Frescheville, to Williamson. Thanks for your getting my business despatched at the Privy Seal Office; there is an obstruction for want of a copy of the reply, but I hope it passed before the Lord Privy Seal's departure. I consider my own business of Eckington safe while under your care; although it is only a presentation to a living, yet the consequences are very considerable, and therefore I beg a despatch of it before the meeting of Parliament. [*Ibid. No.* 89.]

Sept. 14. Post Office. A Ellis to Williamson. I communicated the contents of your letter to Mr. Hickes. I hear that Monsieur Beaufort is alive. Lord Orrery is returned to town, and intends for Hampton Court to-morrow. One is reported to have died of the plague about St. Katherine's this week, but this wants confirmation. [*Ibid. No.* 90.]

Sept. 14. Rob. Francis to Williamson. I received your letters and commands, and carried them to Lady Anderson, Mr. Povey, and others. Your young lady and her maid have come from Sir George Wakeman's to Lady Anderson's. I have sent on a letter from Mrs. Cox to Lady Katherine. Sir Robert Southwell has the letters for my Lord, and goes to-morrow. I have brought Mr. Groves to view your house, and he has promised to send men to complete the works; the ladies will go to-morrow with Mr. Hickes to choose your furniture. I shall endeavour to redeem and preserve your good opinion. I shall wait till 10 o'clock for Lady Katherine's servant. [2½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 91.]

Sept. 15. 11 a.m. Whitehall. Post label from London to Bury [St. Edmund's]. With note by Francis requesting its speedy delivery at Thetford, being for his Majesty's service. [*Ibid. No.* 92.]

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Sept. 15. Pembroke. John Powell to Williamson. I have no news to send of any kind. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 265, *No.* 93.]

Sept. 15. Same to Hickes. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 94.]

Sept. 15. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Williamson. Arrival and departure of ships. The Customs' officers, pretending to search for Jews' goods entered by English merchants, put 3 waiters on board the *Oak*, laden with pilchards for the Straits. The crew, watching their opportunity—the master being on shore—carried them to the Lizard, and went on to Mount's Bay, where they took in their master. The *Susanna* has come in from New York, which is plentiful of hides, beaver, and dye wood. [*Ibid. No.* 95.]

Sept 15. Bristol. James Baskerville to Williamson. Many people of quality have died at Bristol of a feverish distemper; I hear it is much worse at Weymouth. [*Ibid. No.* 96.]

Sept 15. Hampton Court. Warrant for a grant to John Seymour, for 41 years, in reward for long service to his Majesty and the late King, of the sole privilege of printing and selling 37 works, chiefly classical—a list of which is given—and also all almanacs and prognostications, the originals of which he can procure from the authors; provided the said grant do not infringe the privileges of the two Universities, or of any others to whom the printing of any of them may have been granted. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 122.]

Sept. 15. Chatham. Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. I acquainted Mr. Gregory that his bill of imprest for 500*l.* cannot be paid by the county receivers, and he is satisfied that Humphrey Bray, labourer, shall receive it at London, and bring it to Gravesend, where care will be taken for conducting it here. I will provide the tiles at the best terms I can get.

There are several bottoms of wrecks in the river, and as it is his Royal Highness's pleasure that they shall be sold, the officers of the yard ought to have a warrant for their appraisement. I shall be able to give little account of the bottom of the *Oak* and *Defiance*, if they lie here this winter, for now people steal the iron and timber of both. I directed Mr. Moore and Capt. Moorcock to demand what powder, granadoes, and other materials they need for blowing up the wrecks. [*Ibid. No.* 97.]

Sept. 16. Portsmouth. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. I intend putting the *Fairfax* and *Advice* out of dock to-day, being well repaired as to carpentry; but joiners and carvers' works are much to do, by reason of the sickliness of the season, and the new ship's works. I find the keels much worm-eaten, and must have them repaired before going to sea. I am preparing the *Gloucester* and *Adventure* for the dock. I am glad you are putting Hunt's business to some issue; I am searching after some other matter, on like information; that I may not leave anything undone, and yet keep within bounds. Tell me whether the Act giving you power to act as justices of the peace is yet in force; some think it determined last session, and if so, I have run 4 miles beyond my

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commission in sending for persons as far as Fareham, to give evidence.

I was directed to launch the new ship, and wrote to Col. Middleton for *lignum vitæ* shivers; he promised them, but they have not come, the Surveyor being much abroad on business. Pray order that they be sent with expedition, as we cannot launch the ship without them. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 265, *No.* 98.]

Sept. 16. Report by Rob. Mayors, on the quality and quantity of Mr. Kingsbury's timber at Reading. There are 200 loads, and it will complete the ship at Deptford for strait timber. [*Ibid. No.* 99.]

Sept. 16. Lisbon. Capt. Fras. Willshaw, of the *Jerusalem*, to the Navy Commissioners. In the absence of Sir Robert Southwell, I delivered the letters and stores to Consul Maynard. The Consul made a demur concerning a cable which had been cut, but this was not since it came on board of me, as will appear by the oath of all my officers. Some at home must know about this, as it wants more than 20 fathoms. The master of the galliot, being taxed by his boatswain, answered that when taken out of the *Golden Hand* at Chatham, the end lying under another cable, they were forced to cut it. [*Ibid. No.* 100.]

Sept. 16. Whitehall. Rob. Francis to Williamson. I hope you received a packet sent by express; I enclose letters from Lord Townshend, and others, and extracts from the French, Dutch, and Flanders letters. Those from Lord Montague the Ambassador, and others, have been taken to my Lord by Mr. Bridgeman. The map and narrative of Candia has been noticed in the *Gazette*, to promote its sale. Your house is in good forwardness; many workpeople are upon it, and the gardener has been upon the vine. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 101.]

Sept. 16. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Fairfax* and *Advice* will be taken out of the dry dock, and the *Gloucester* and *Adventure* take their places. [*Ibid. No.* 102.]

Sept. 17. Norwich. Rob. Lulman to Andrew Ellis. I have despatched a letter to Justice Kendall of Thetford, to engage his and his friends' interest for you, and will send letters by a freeman of Thetford, who will employ all his influence for you, and bring me an account how the town is affected. [*Ibid. No.* 103.]

Sept. 17. Chester. Col. Ro. Whitley to Francis. The Lord Lieutenant went hence on Monday towards Holyhead, and we believe he is now at Dublin. The assizes will be held next week, and the fair the week following, after which I will be with you. I beg to be remembered to Mr. Williamson, and to cousin Manley and his lady. [*Ibid. No.* 104.]

Sept. 17. Pendennis. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. The *African* remains in harbour. Two Dutch and several other vessels have come in, and others have departed. [*Ibid. No.* 105.]

Sept. 17. Plymouth. John Clarke to Williamson. The *Amity* from Smyrna has arrived, and brings news that Sir Thos. Allin was at Alicant with his fleet. [*Ibid. No.* 106.]

Sept. 17. Same to Hickes. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 107.]

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Chatham.

John Moore and Capt. Edw. Moorcock to the Navy Commissioners. We have overcome the difficulties in weighing the wreck, and laid her on shore, where she will ebb dry. We shall be ready in a few days to remove another; there will then be but one in the channel, which Capt. Cox advises to be blown up; if it proves effectual in wholly removing her, it will be the cheapest way of working. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 265, *No.* 108.]

Sept. 18.
Deptford.

Wm. Williamson, master of the *Black Dog* hoy, to the Navy Commissioners. We sailed on 2 Aug. from Deptford, anchored in Hull on the 7th, and came to Stockwith the 13th, where we loaded, and returned to Deptford with timber and plank, by order of John Russell. Where shall we unload, we being now in the wet dock? [*Ibid. No.* 109.]

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Advices received, being extracts from letters calendared above, and from the following:—

Friday, 17th.—Sir Wm. Coventry, who was put out of the Council and Treasury for challenging the Duke of Buckingham, has been received into favour again, and kissed the King's hand. There was 5,000*l.* allowed for mourning [for the Queen Mother], but 500*l.* more has been already expended, although his Majesty allows it to such only as receive liveries out of the Wardrobe by virtue of their places. The Earl of St. Albans has gone to attend his Majesty at Hampton Court.

Saturday, 18th.—His Majesty and the Court returned this day to Whitehall, and the Queen is expected in the evening. The King has some thoughts of going to Newmarket in a few days. Some persons going down to Hampton Court, and being the worse for drink, offered something unbecoming them near where his Majesty was in person, and they were ordered into custody. One of them is a captain in the trained bands.

The judges on circuit have fined some Quakers; in default of payment, they are to remain in prison, and others that would not be bound over for good behaviour are remanded back to gaol till the next assizes.

The Comte de Prado came ashore *incognito* at Leghorn, on his way to Rome, and intends remaining there 8 or 10 days, and thence to proceed by land. Sir Peter Wyche is leaving Moscow; and that Emperor has some thoughts of sending an Envoy to England, to make a compliment of the privileges, &c., enjoyed in those territories by the English, and to desire his Majesty to be umpire in the difference between him and the Swede. [2¾ *pages. Ibid. No.* 110.]

Sept. 18.
London.

James Hickes to [Williamson]. Nothing has come for you from Billing. I hope that my letter with the enclosure found you at Hinchingbroke, and that the present will find you at Mr. Summers' in Northampton. I have not seen your writing since you left London, but hope for your safe return. Here are 14 packets, containing the maps of Candia, come from your clerks for several of your correspondents, which were forced to be taxed, they weighing 3 ounces apiece. [*Ibid. No.* 111.]

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Sept. 18. Hinchinbroke. [Jos. Williamson] to Rob. Francis. I received the packet and the express sent to Thetford. I shall be in town on Tuesday, and hope to find my little house in a condition to lodge me. Let me see you and Swaddell at Lady Anderson's in the evening of that day; present my service to her; take care that all my things are brought from Hampton Court; also see to the furnishing, &c., of my chamber. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 265, *No.* 112.]

Sept. [18.] Saturday, 2 p.m. Dunstable. Same to the Same. I find myself engaged beyond what I proposed, but will be in town to-morrow, so you need not take any notice of my being abroad to Lord Arlington, should he call for me. You must wait upon him to-night on his return from the country, and to-morrow, at his rising. I conclude the King will be at home to-morrow, and if there be a meeting of the Foreign Committee in the evening, I will not fail to be there; after sermon, you must be at the office. Send the letters to Dublin to Mr. Page; those formerly sent to Lady Thomond must be henceforth transmitted to Lady Katharine O'Brien, at Billing. There are also some letters in my desk-drawer to be sent to Sir Phil. Musgrave, &c. [*Ibid. No.* 113.]

Sept. [18.] Same to the Same. Have a care in the delivery of letters enclosed, for the Duke and Duchess of Richmond, and Mrs. Cox. Be sure to wait on Father Patrick about my return. [*Ibid. No.* 114.]

Sept. 18. 9 p.m. Whitehall. Rob. Francis to Williamson. I send letters and extracts; I had sent some to Hinchinbroke. Lord [Arlington] came home at 8 p.m., but not to the office. The King arrived at 11 a.m. I have received two letters from Lady O'Brien, for my Lord to Ireland, and for my lady at Billing. All at Lady Anderson's present their services. Your house is in good order, and I hope will be fit to receive you; the garden is finished. I will wait on his lordship to-morrow, with the letters and *Gazette.* [1½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 115.]

Sept. 18. Chester. Ma. Anderton to Williamson. The *John and Francis* is cleared for Virginia, and will sail on Tuesday. The winds continuing easterly, I presume the Lord Lieutenant has arrived in Ireland. [*Ibid. No.* 116.]

Sept. 18. Deal. Rich. Watts to Williamson. Lady Finch, relict of Lord Finch, Keeper of the Great Seal to Charles I., died 14 days ago at her own house, the Moat, a mile from Canterbury, and was buried last Wednesday at Canterbury. There were above 40 coaches, which was a wonder to the country. [*Ibid. No.* 117.]

Sept. 19. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Gloucester* and *Adventure* have come into the dry dock, in place of the *Fairfax* and *Advice.* [*Ibid. No.* 118.]

Sept. 19. Portsmouth. Commissioner John Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. I received the bill of imprest for 50*l.*, and delivered it to Mr. Johnson. I have had no more of Mr. Perrin or any other's goods than the works in hand call for. The *Roe Kitchen* has sailed. Thos. Wallis, a joiner pressed at Southampton by Thos. Bulbeck, master joiner,

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has not appeared, notwithstanding I have written several times to the Mayor, and the said Wallis has been commanded to make his appearance. I desire you will take notice of his contempt, that some course may be taken, so as to deter others from doing the like. I hear nothing of the *lignum vitæ* shivers so much wanted, and entreat they may be hastened down. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 265, *No.* 119.]

Sept. 19. Particulars brought to the Navy Office by Mr. Mayors, of a vessel shipped to Steven Woodlands at Arundel, laden with timber and treenails from Mr. Cole. [*Ibid. No.* 120.]

Sept. 20. Stockwith. George Roberts, master of the *James*, to the Navy Commissioners. I arrived here with a great deal of trouble, by reason of the tides falling off. I am getting out the ballast, and will make all despatch in the loading this next spring [tide]. [*Ibid. No.* 121.]

Sept. 20. Lamplugh. John Lamplugh to Williamson. I entrusted my interest in the Irish patent for lotteries to my cousin Thos. Lamplugh, while he was in London, and now he has come away, he has left it in trust to Wm. Everard, whom you approved. My partners and I are agreed that Col. Mowbray shall go for Ireland, to set the work on foot at Dublin; those who go there shall have authority to act there, and those who stay behind shall be defended and secured in their interest. As there is some hopes of his Majesty contributing some advance, we desire your interest with him on our behalf. Everard depends upon you for favour, and will wait upon you in the matter. [*Ibid. No.* 122.]

Sept. 20. Billing. Joseph Williamson to Rob. Francis. As I shall be in London tomorrow evening, let my lodgings be got ready, and let me find all the business that lies at the office ready for me when I arrive. [*Ibid. No.* 123.]

Sept. 20. Pendennis. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. About 30 sail are loading, outward bound, and others from places named have come in. [*Ibid. No.* 124.]

Sept. 20. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Hickes. The *St. James* of London, from Holland, and others have come in, and report that the Greenland men have made a great voyage, one having taken 15 whales to her share, and that it has also been a good year for herrings. [*Ibid. No.* 125.]

Sept. 20. Chester. Ma. Anderton to Williamson. The *Increase* and *Adventure* have arrived from Dublin. They met the *Mayflower* with the Lord Lieutenant's horses and goods, and saw a frigate and pleasure boat under Hoath, where they were doubtless landing the Lord Lieutenant. Dr. Chamberlain, the women's doctor, has arrived and gone towards London. [*Ibid. No.* 126.]

Sept. 20. Swansea. John Man to Williamson. I hear from Sir Thos. Morgan, Governor of Jersey, that the island is in a good state of health, and posture of defence. [*Ibid. No.* 127.]

Sept. 20. Dover. Jo. Carlile to Williamson. The corpses of Lady Lexington and Sir Edward Fillimore, who died in France, have arrived; the former

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has been sent to Gravesend in a boat, and the latter to London by a hearse. Lord Clermont, son of the Earl of Middleton, set sail for Calais on the 4th, and the Earl of Northumberland with his followers on the 16th. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 265, *No.* 128.]

Sept. 20. Caveat in favour of Mr. Harvey, that no *mandamus* pass for a fellowship in Trinity Hall, Cambridge. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 32, *p.* 6.]

Sept. 20. Warrant to the Treasury Commissioners for 100*l.* to Dr. [Peter] Chamberlain for board wages, from 7 June to the present time, out of the privy seal dormant of 27 July. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 168.]

Sept. 21. Warrant for letters of denization for Peter Joenties, an alien. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 123.]

Sept. 21. Warrant for the erection of an office of Surveyor-General of all the streets and pavements in London and Westminster and the suburbs, and for a grant thereof for 14 years to Rob. Leslie, gentleman of the Privy Chamber, who has had great experience in paving and keeping clean the streets beyond seas; with power to see that the streets are kept clean, and lights put forth by the inhabitants, according to Acts of Parliament; and also to import paving stones from Scotland, France, or elsewhere. [*Ibid. f.* 124.]

Sept. 21. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. A ship has arrived from the Caribbee Islands, one from Portugal, and 16 colliers from Wales. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 265, *No.* 129.]

Sept 21. Chatham. Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. Let Humphrey Bray receive the 500*l.* imprested to Mr. Gregory; but Gregory is "unwilling he should receive it by content," having formerly suffered in a like case in the want of money. I have ordered Bray to receive your commands; I wish it were here, for the persons concerned appear with their bills, and want their money.

I went to Maidstone to see what compass and knee timber Mr. Mason and others had, and found little upon the wharves but what belonged to Mason. I could not prevail upon him to send any down, until I promised that I would use my interest with you and the Treasurers, for payment of a small bill for 50*l.* odd, for goods served in in 1668; the great want of the timber for the new ship made me undertake the promise. I was also at Milale [Mill Hall], but could find none except what has been bought by the Ordnance officers, at 40*s.* a load. I saw Mayor More, who is very free to let us have 24 pieces of compass timber at the price they cost, allowing a proportionable charge for their procuring it, or delivering timber in lieu of it.

One of the wrecks that was upon the Mussle Bank is hove over, and lies dry at low water. I cannot say more concerning the disposal of wrecks lying in the river, but they would be better out of sight than lying as they do. I have ordered Mr. Moore and Capt. Moorecock to demand of the Ordnance officers such powder, &c., as they need. Is the *Marmaduke* to be sold for ready money, or on account of bills? Pray order timber and ironwork for the new ship and carrying on other works. I send an account by Mr. Bowtwell, master calker, of the absence of 3 of his men; let some speedy course be taken with them, that we may keep our other pressed calkers. [2 *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 265, *No.* 130.]

Sept. 21. Portsmouth. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. The *lignum vitæ* shivers are come, but not one of 21 or 22 inches, that are most wanted, nor do any of the pinholes answer the gauge; but I will make shift with them for the present occasion. [*Ibid. No.* 131.]

Sept. 21. Wm. Williamson, master of the *Black Dog* hoy, to the Navy Commissioners. Pray order Mr. Shish to repair my vessel, she being ordered forth again from the wet dock at Deptford, and her stern being much weakened by straining, in loading and unloading timber. [*Ibid. No.* 132.]

Sept. 22. Chatham. Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. I will send Lawrence to view Mr. Fellowes' timber again at Faversham, if you desire it; but his price was 3*l.* 5*s.* a load, which you did not like, and Lawrence estimated it at 105 loads, with very little compass and knee timber.

I am thankful you approve of the course taken with Mr. Mason in obtaining his timber, which is received into the yard, and entreat you will be mindful of the promise made him for payment of his 50*l.* I shall inquire what knees may be had in these parts; I am informed that Mr. Cole of Sussex can furnish some. So soon as I hear from the Ordnance officers, I will follow your directions about that timber. I cannot do anything with the wrecks till Thursday, but if the powder, &c., come down, I will prepare for blowing up the 3 that remain under water. Detail of efforts to remove them.

I will receive the 4 loads of ash, and also the ironwork. I find the *Newcastle* so worm-eaten that I fear she must be wholly new planked. [1¾ *pages. Ibid. No.* 133.] *Encloses,*

> *Account of the several wrecks and pieces of wrecks in the river Medway.* [*Ibid. No.* 133 I.]

Sept. 22. Note of an allowance to the Commissioners of the Privy Seal, during pleasure, of 4*l.* a day, in lieu of 16 dishes of meat daily, granted 2 June 1663 to Lord Robartes, late Keeper of the Privy Seal. [*Ibid. No.* 134.]

Docquet of the above, dated 27 Oct. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 97.]

Sept. 22. Warrant for a grant to James Gilbert, in place of Jonadab Holloway, deceased, of the office of maker of curriers, arquebusses, handguns, daggs, and other arms of war of that kind, for the King's use in the Tower and elsewhere. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 123.]

Sept. 22. Warrant to the Treasury Commissioners to pay 6,000*l.* to Isaac Le Gouce, for 2 large diamonds. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 169.]

Docquet of the above, dated 12 Oct. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 92.]

Sept. 22. Caveat in favour of Col. Villiers, that nothing pass of the estate of Rich. Leaman, of Loddington, [forfeited] for burglary. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 32, *p.* 6.]

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Falmouth.
Thos. Holden to Williamson. The *St. Jacob* from Holland for Virginia, and 2 others from Rotterdam, have arrived. They came out with several others, which they believe have put into Plymouth; they say that the Dutch have made a great year at Greenland, as well as in the herring trade. The *African* is still in port, waiting a fair wind. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 265, *No.* 135.]

Sept. 22.
Pembroke.
John Powell to Hickes. Has no news of any kind. [*Ibid. No.* 136.]

Sept. 22.
Same to Williamson. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 137.]

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Deal.
Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. Capt. Pensax has arrived from Virginia, and reports it to be in a good condition. The *Sweepstakes* and 19 merchant ships are in the Downs. [*Ibid. No.* 138.]

[Sept. 22.]
Order for a commission to Henry Seymour to be lieutenant of the company in Guernsey under Capt. Sheldon, in place of Lieut. Watts, deceased. [*Ibid. No.* 139.]

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Whitehall.
Commission as ordered. [*Parchment. Signed. Ibid. No.* 140.]

Sept. 23.
Note of approval of Sir Edw. Morgan, Bart., and 5 others as deputy-lieutenants for co. Monmouth, and Sir Jo. Tracy and Wm. Stratford for co. Gloucester; the Marquis of Worcester ordered to issue out their deputations. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 20, *p.* 201.]

Sept. 23.
Portsmouth.
Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. Thanks for what you have done in order to bringing Wallis, the joiner, and others by his example, to a sense of his contempt; if such matters be let slip, you can have no assurance of assistance, whatever the occasions may be, in these parts. Mr. Jones is with me, and we are entering on the business that he came about. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 265, *No.* 141.]

Sept. 23.
Wm. Williamson, master of the *Black Dog* hoy, to the Navy Commissioners. Being ordered to carry timber to Chatham, I want 14 days' provisions for 7 men, having 3 days' victuals aboard. [*Ibid. No.* 142.]

Sept. 24.
Woolwich Ropeyard.
Wm. Bodham to the Navy Commissioners. I send the weekly account of the yard. It was not contempt or negligence that prevented my doing so before; but I have been employed many weeks in preparing for the survey, and in sale of the brushings; I have culled out a quantity of hemp that cost 50*s.* a cwt., from the brushings sold at 5*s.* I wish that everyone employed as I am may be found more diligent; I crave pardon, and promise amendment. [*Ibid. No.* 143.]

Sept. 24.
Deal.
Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. A ship has arrived from Scanderoon, the commander of which, Mr. Holloway, says that it was reported there that Candia was taken; that he escaped from 5 Turkish men-of-war, but left an English merchant ship and a Turk fighting, and that the Turks are very bold, for Sir Thos. Allin's fleet lies in harbours and roads, sending out a small frigate or two at most.

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The same is reported by most merchantmen from the Straits. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 265, *No.* 144.]

Sept. 24. Plymouth. John Clarke to Williamson. Only two ships are here, a Frenchman and a Scotchman. [*Ibid. No.* 145.]

Sept. 25. Warrant for a grant of denization to Isaac De la Saulx. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 123.]

Sept. 24. Warrant to the Farmers of Customs, to permit Edw. Backwell to export 40,000*l.* or 50,000*l.* of guinea gold, custom free, to improve the trade in the East Indies. He has lately brought in great quantities of gold and silver, which by law he might have exported free, had he not coined it in the Mint, and he engages soon to bring in and coin a greater quantity than he now exports. [*Ibid. f.* 124.]

Sept. 25. Warrant to the Attorney-General to stay in the Crown Office proceedings for barratry against Charles Cornel and Mary his wife, which are entered by Wm. Warren, Miles Ward, and others, only to stay suits against them, by the said Charles and Mary Cornel, for money and goods of great value, unjustly detained from them. [*Ibid. f.* 125.]

[Sept. 24.] Warrant to pay to Sir Stephen Fox 400*l.* out of the privy seal dormant, to be given to loyal and indigent officers, by the King's directions, for their present relief. Minute. [*Draft. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 265, *No.* 146.]

Sept. 24. Entry of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 169.]

Sept. 25. Pass for a horse to France, for the use of Sam. Heniock, merchant. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

Sept. 25. Lord Frescheville to [Williamson]. As you promised to move the Lords of the Treasury in my business, and to engage Sir George Downing in it, I beseech you to do so, as it is of especial consideration to me to obtain it before the meeting in Parliament. I forbear writing to Sir George Downing, relying on Lord Arlington's favour and your solicitation. Address me at Staveley, in Derbyshire. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 265, *No.* 147.]

Sept. 25. Chester. Ro. Whitley to Rob. Francis. Thanks for your letter; the lawyers are packing away with their bags, to make room for the pedlars that come to the fair. Cousin Fr. Manley and I often drink to you and brother Roger. Is the King going to Newmarket? Sir Thos. Hanmer goes up with the Monday's coach. [*Ibid. No.* 148.]

Sept. 25. Essex House. C. Cratford to [Viscount Conway]. I have the bills for 200*l.* and others, and will take care and receive the money, and obey your commands. I can effect the business as to the bills of exchange, without any trouble to myself, and to your lordship's satisfaction. [*Ibid. No.* 149.]

Sept. 25. London. Edw. Wayte to Viscount Conway. I have got the 2 bills for 200*l.* accepted, and delivered them to Mr. Cratford. I send a copy

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of Gerard's will. I took possession of his papers and effects, and thereout paid 40*l.* for the coach, and the rest for his burial, and in sending things to my lady, of which I will render you an account when you come to London. I have taken account of your lordship's plate and linen, and packed it in trunks until further order. The room your lordship wished to have new-floored is going to be occupied by Lord Orrery's daughter, who is coming with her mother to England. [1¼ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 265, *No.* 150.] *Enclosing,*

> *Will of Gerard Perron, gentleman, of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Middlesex,* 2 *Sept.* 1669. *I give to John Pellham* 25*l. and all my clothes; to Joyce, wife of Edw. Wayte, of St. Paul's, Covent Garden, tailor,* 5*l.; to Mrs. Jane Wright,* 5*l.; to Lord Conway's cook,* 10*l.; and the remainder of my estate to the poor of the parish of Arra* [*Arrow ?*], *co. Warwick, to be disposed of in the best way that can be advised for their benefit. I appoint the said Edw. Wayte sole executor. With note that the will was proved* 13 *Sept.* 1669. [*Copy. Ibid. No.* 150I.]

Sept. 25. Milford. John Powell to Williamson. Lord Broghill and his lady have arrived from Ireland, and have set forward with their retinue for London. [*Ibid. No.* 151.]

Sept. 25. Weymouth. John Pocock to Hickes. Three Newfoundland ships have arrived, and report a bad season, owing to the storminess of the weather. We judge the ships bound for the Straits have reached there before this. With note by Hickes [to Williamson]. I hear you lack constant advice from Weymouth and Lyme; it is for want of your written intelligence weekly, which ought to be continued according to the first settlement. [*Ibid. No.* 152.]

Sept. 25. Wapping. Sir Wm. Warren to the Navy Commissioners. I ordered my factor, Francis Sheldon, to dispose of the 360 masts at Gottenburg, but he cannot do it, so that I am likely to be longer out of purse of the 7,556 rix dollars—1,889*l.* sterling—which they cost in 1666. Pray determine how far you are concerned to send for them on his Majesty's account, and how I shall be satisfied for their first cost. I rather desire this, you having deducted 4,760*l.* out of my Hamburg bill, for satisfaction of those Gottenburg freights which I was to make good to his Majesty, according to agreement. So now there is nothing undetermined about the Gottenburg affair, beside taking up my imprest bills for those bills perfected, and left with Lord Brouncker, and settling about the 360 masts. With notes that the Navy Board judge no answer needful. [*Ibid. No.* 153.]

Sept. 25. Deptford. Jonas Shish to the Navy Commissioners. What work is to be done to the *Lenox* pleasure boat? Pray hasten in the timber for the carved works of the *London*, promised by Mr. Mayors. [*Ibid. No.* 154.]

Sept. 26. Hull. Joseph Blaydes to the Navy Commissioners. I beg payment of money due, as it is not my own, but certain poor men's, as your

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Honours and Sir Jeremy Smith well know. Sir Jeremy told the men they should have their money soon. I hope not to suffer for my goodwill to the King. John Harrison is loading with the timber. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 265, *No.* 155.]

Sept. 26. Portsmouth. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. I request that the treasurers will order Mr. Ridge to pay for the materials for fencing about the King's house here, and also the bills for provisions, and for the plank and timber contracted for with Peter Hasler. You will have an account of Hunt's knavery, but I judge their knot is so broken that they will hardly trust one another in their pilfering trade, if any of them dare use it for the future. I hope a good launching day at Michaelmas, after which I shall wait upon you in London. [*Ibid. No.* 156.]

Sept. 26. Warrant for the ship *Release* of London to be made free for the Norway trade. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 169.]

Sept. 26. Caveat in favour of Mr. Chiffinch, that nothing pass of a toll at Middlewich, co. Chester. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 32, *p.* 7.]

Sept. 26. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. The *Sweepstakes* and some merchant ships outward bound have sailed; there are only one Virginia ship and a Frenchman in the Downs. Thirty Frenchmen and some English from Calais have been landed at Deal. [*S.P. Dom., Car II.* 265, *No.* 157.]

Sept. 26. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The great ship will be launched next Monday. [*Ibid. No.* 158.]

Sept. 27. Chester. Ma. Anderton to Williamson. The assizes were held last week, when the court bound over the conventiclers to appear next sessions, to be of good behaviour meantime, and to give bail to prosecute their traverse with effect. [*Ibid. No.* 159.]

Sept. 27. Brooke House, Holborn. Order, signed by Viscount Halifax, on behalf of the Committee of Accounts, that William Wardour, Clerk of the Pells, be desired to transmit an account of money paid, issued, or assigned out of the Exchequer, upon the Act for Additional Supply, according to former directions and his own promise. [*Ibid. No.* 160.]

Sept. 27. Westminster. Commission to Ralph Montague, Ambassador in France, Henry, Earl of St. Albans, Henry, Lord Arundel of Wardour, Walter Montague, almoner of the late Queen Dowager, and Dr. Leoline Jenkins, at request of the King of France, to take possession of her property, jewels, furniture, &c., which have been secured by the said King in Paris and elsewhere; to give discharges to those who deliver up the goods; to pass all legal acts before notaries, and to send in her will and papers speedily to his Majesty, without looking at them; also if there be a will, not to meddle with the estate till the King's pleasure be known.

Also to pay the officers retained to attend the funeral, give them mourning, and defray expenses till 1 Jan.; to dismiss unnecessary servants, paying their wages and *viaticum;* to defray the

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expenses of depositing the body, and interring the heart with solemnity; to cause all necessary places to be hung with black and escutcheons; to inventory the debts, and to pay the servants and creditors; to audit and pass all accounts relating to this commission, and to give discharges to the accountants. The disbursements in this commission are not to exceed the sum limited in his Majesty's private instructions. The said Commissioners are to have power to sell or alienate any part of the estate, to release debtors, to change bonds, and to take them in their own names. [*Latin.* 10¾ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 265, *No.* 161.]

[Sept. 27.] Clause in the instructions to the Commissioners for disposal of the Queen Mother's estate, that Sir Thos. Bond is to issue reasonable allowances for transport of such of her servants as desire to return to England. [*Draft by Williamson. Ibid. No.* 162.]

Sept. 27. Whitehall. Reference to the Treasury Commissioners of the petition of Bertrand de Barbere, for a salary for his pains and expense in improving cloth of gold, silver, silk, hair, woollen and thread manufactures, according to his Majesty's frequent encouragement: [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 69.]

Sept 27. Whitehall. Recommendation of the petition of Hartgill Baron—for a lease for 31 years, in reversion after the present 24 years' lease to Sir Rich. Braham, of Thanet Farm, near Windsor—to the Treasury Commissioners, the King having promised him compensation for what he assigned to Prince Rupert in Windsor Castle. [*Ibid. p.* 70.]

Sept. 27. Chatham. Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. Mr. Lawrence is under no mistake as to his report of Mr. Fellowes' timber; there is no knee timber, so I shall forbear sending to view it any more. Another vessel lies sunk here, called the *Minion;* let her be added to the number of wrecks and bottoms of wrecks. The horseboat was despatched to Deptford, with her lading of junk and cables, on the 24th. The plank you ordered down in her is very short, and of little use for the new ship.

Mr. Moorcock desires to borrow the *Macklier* or *Black Post Horse* hoy, to fetch the remainder of his timber from Maldon, and will pay what freight you think fit. The 20 dozen oars sent are of little use, being short and extraordinary crooked. There being a tender of 60,000 of reed, shall it be bought, a greater quantity being wanted? [1¼ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 265, *No.* 163.]

Sept. 27. Wexford [Ireland]. And. Tonnard to Jonas Shish. I offer a parcel of good knee timber for sale, but as it will cost me 200*l.*, I want advice before meddling as to the value of knees per load, and of treenails per 1,000. If you need it, you will find me as just in my dealing as ever you found my father. [*Copy forwarded by Shish. Ibid. No.* 164.]

Sept. 27. Deptford. Capt. John Tinker to the Navy Commissioners. I desire you to consider of providing blocks for the *Loyal London.* [*Ibid. No.* 165.]

Sept 28. Deptford. Thos. Turner and W. Fownes to the Navy Commissioners. We have caused Mr. Edgehill to attend you in London, who can give

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satisfaction touching the complaint made against some shivers, sent to Portsmouth for launching the new ship. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 265, *No.* 166.]

Sept. 28. Hampton Court. Warrant for a patent to George Herriott of the sole exercise, for 14 years, of his new invention of an iron press, with an iron spindle running in a copper box, for cold-pressing woollen cloths. [*Ibid. No.* 166A.]

Sept. 28. Entry of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 169.]

Sept. 28. Warrant for a grant to Silvester Dennis, for 41 years, on surrender of a similar grant by Eleanor Villiers, and in reversion after a former one to John Buckworth, of the rent of 500*l.* a year, from the profits of the river brought from Chadwell and Amwell to London. [*Ibid.*]

Sept. 28. Pass for Lord Ascott to Holland, with Henry Topham and 4 servants. Minute. [*Ibid. f.* 170.]

Sept. 29. Lyme. Ant. Thorold to Hickes. The *Francis* of Lyme has arrived from Morlaix, laden chiefly with oakum, and complains of the deadness of English manufactures there, owing to the quantity of wool received from Ireland and other parts; she reports the raising of forces and fitting of ships at Brest, for Candia. Another ship of Lyme, from Rotterdam, reports that they speak there of a war with France, and are fitting up several great ships, and that an eminent French Protestant was lately put to a torturing death by the King, for holding intelligence with the States. Several vessels are in port, outward bound for places named.

I will report each post what offers, but shall expect a weekly letter in return, as well as the *Gazette*, according to the engagement from the first. With note by Hickes [to Williamson] that if the letter is not sent every Saturday, the intelligence from those parts will soon cease. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 265, *No.* 167.]

Sept. 29. Milford. John Powell to Hickes. No ships are in the harbour, and there is no news to send. [*Ibid. No.* 168.]

Sept. 29. Same to Williamson. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 169.]

Sept. 29. Deptford. Thos. Turner to Thos. Hayter. Mr. Burroughs ought to be sent down to Chatham and Deptford, to view the water engines sent imperfect last April, as to whether they may be made fit for service, or they will be sold by the candle for old brass work. Remember a set of weights for weighing nails; let me know what charcoal and candles are allowed to yachts, for their commanders wrangle, and are ready to tear me to pieces, if they have not 10 lbs. of candles a month each, and a bushel of charcoal, whether it be winter or summer, which I am sure they cannot want in summer. [*Ibid. No.* 170.]

Sept. 30. Whitehall. M. Wren to the Navy Commissioners. When you attended his Royal Highness, there was some discourse concerning the clothes put on board Sir Thos. Allin's fleet by the slopseller, which arose from a clause in Sir Thomas's letter to me from Cadiz. Consider

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what is fit to be done in it, so that all abuses of like nature may be prevented for the future. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 265, *No.* 171.] *Encloses,*

> *Sir Thos. Allin to Wren. The part of our general instructions which limits the price of clothes is very troublesome and impracticable, and our men are likely to suffer extreme wants thereby. The pursers plead that they have received clothes from the slopseller, to sell at certain rates, or else to return, and that they will not engage in suits by underselling them. Most of the clothes are too fine, as for instance, laced waistcoats from* 14*s. to* 20*s., and worsted stockings from* 4*s. to* 6*s. It had been well if the Navy Commissioners had agreed with the slopseller, before the commanders had been put to this necessity of breaking orders, or undergoing suits as soon as they are out of commission, which they must do if they take the clothes by force; and you may consider whether it be fit that his Royal Highness order Major Beckford to give an account to the Commissioners why he has set exorbitant prices on his clothes, and sent none that he can suffer to be issued to the men at the rates appointed.—Cadiz,* 11 *Aug.* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 171I.]

Sept. 30. Portsmouth. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. We have twice failed in an attempt to launch the new ship; I am preparing for another trial to-day. [*Ibid. No.* 172.]

Sept. 30. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Great preparations are being made for the launch of the new ship. [*Ibid. No.* 173.]

Sept. 30. M. Flamarens to Williamson. I want an order for restoration of an ell and a half of black cloth for a vest, taken from my valise at Rochester; I brought it to be made in England, where they make them better than in Paris, and it must match the rest of my suit. Sir John Shaw has promised to write to the Rochester Custom House officers to get it restored, but he says it may have been taken by an officer who has a patent from the King, in which case it would be needful for you to write at once. [*French. Ibid. No.* 174.]

[Sept. 30.] Petition of Sir Thos. Clutterbuck, Consul at Leghorn, to the King, for such consideration and assistance as may be thought fit. By warrants of the Duke of York, dated 28 Mar. 1661 and 27 Feb. 1664, I was appointed agent at Leghorn, as well for supplying all your Majesty's ships which should come in to any port belonging to the Grand Duke of Tuscany, with provisions and other necessaries, as also for assisting them and their commanders in all things needful. I performed the office of agent for the whole of your Majesty's affairs there for 4 years, there being no other public minister at that place, and have been put to great expense and trouble, from which I am not yet altogether freed, and which has been greatly aggravated by my being forced to come to England, for no other purpose than to adjust my accounts for victualling ships. I hope his Royal Highness has reported that I have discharged my duty. [*Ibid. No.* 175.]

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Sir Thos. Clutterbuck to Lord [Arlington]. I send two narratives of transactions between me and Ralph Hooker, a Barbadoes merchant, and others by whom I sent goods, of which my five-sixteenths is worth near 2,000*l.*, and I think that Hooker or his heirs ought to make good my losses mentioned, besides the interest for 12½ years.

In Dec. 1658, I trusted John Allin, merchant, supercargo of the ship *Hunter* bound for Barbadoes, with a considerable cargo of sugar, wherein I had half an interest, and gave him full power, on arriving at Barbadoes, to call Hooker to account; but he effected nothing save aggravating the loss, by going away in my debt 810*l.* Allin confesses himself debtor for the product of my half interest in the cargo of sugar, which—had he sent it to Leghorn, instead of unjustly detaining it in his own hands, and using it for his own occasions,—would have yielded me nearly 2,000*l.* This I have lost, as well as the interest on it for 10 years. Allin likewise kept the ship for some time, promising to give her a full loading, and at last returned her to Leghorn with only a third part loading, upon the freight of which I lost 1,000*l.* As Hooker's heirs are residing at Barbadoes, and the two English merchants complained of in the enclosures are yet living, I beg your lordship will commiserate my fate, and procure his Majesty's speedy and effectual commands to the Governor, and those in authority on the island, that justice may be done without delay, and that such estate and effects as shall be declared due to me may be consigned to the gentlemen upon the island holding the procuration, which has been sent to enable them to appear for me. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 265, *No.* 176.] *Annexing,*

Narrative by Sir Thos. Clutterbuck, of the case between him and John Canham and Slaughter Lee, merchants. In 1657 *I despatched from Leghorn a frigate to Barbadoes, in which my share,—being five-sixteenths, value* 2,000*l.,—was consigned to Ralph Hooker of Barbadoes, from whom I did not receive* 300*l. in return. In* 1663, *I attached goods sent by Hooker on the ship* Companion *to John Canham and Slaughter Lee, for the balance due, and called them before the magistrates, which caused an expensive suit in the Court of Chancery at Florence, in Nov.* 1663, *and I obtained a favourable sentence; but I was persuaded to put the case on a reference to* 4 *English and* 2 *Italian merchants, and we swore to abide by their decision. In April* 1664, *they awarded that Canham and Lee should pay me* 2,167 *pieces of* 8, *being Hooker's part of the effects brought over, and* 123 *pieces of* 8 *as Hooker's part of cards brought over by the said ship; the award was confirmed by the magistracy of Pisa, and the said moneys were paid to me. Yet their oaths notwithstanding, last April Canham and Lee arrested me in an action of* 1,500*l., withdrew that, and entered a writ against me for* 600*l., and after some imprisonment, I was forced to give in bail.*

My wife hearing that Canham and Lee had treacherously fallen upon me here, consulted some lawyers in Leghorn, who advised her to make application to the Grand Duke,

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citing as a precedent for such interference the case of Mr. Child and Rob. Foote, English merchants, against Veltz, a German. She—reflecting on her sufferings by my absence, and being in a strange country with 4 children without a provider—went to Florence, and made known her condition, when commands were sent to the Governor of Leghorn for the imprisonment of Lee; but he, hearing of the proceedings against him, went to Florence also, and demanded the protection of Sir John Finch, his Majesty's Resident there, who so effectually recommended Lee's interest at Court, that what was before granted according to custom was suspended, although Mr. Longland offered himself as security on my behalf. [3 *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 265, *No.* 176I.]

Like narrative, with differences in the details, an order in Council of 22 Oct. 1669 thereon, and a request for a reference of the case to the Grand Duke. [3¼ *pages. Ibid. No.* 176II.]

Sept. [30.] Warrant to pay to the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of St. Margaret's, Westminster, 100*l.*, the King's free gift, towards the relief of the poor there. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 87.]

Sept. 30. Grant to the treasurer of King Charles' Hospital, parish of St. Margaret's, Westminster, of 50*l.* yearly for the use of the poor and fatherless children there. Endorsed with note, 3 Dec. 1669, that this is part of the 100*l.* a year given by the King to the poor of the parish, and is only during pleasure. [*Parchment. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 265, *No.* 177.]

Sept. [30.] Docquet of the above. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *Nos.* 87, 88.]

Sept. [30.] Warrant to pay to the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of St. Margaret's, Westminster, 50*l.* for their relief. Endorsed with note that the privy seal should express that this and the preceding make up the 100*l.* given by the King to the poor. [*Parchment. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 265, *No.* 178.]

Sept. [30.] Docquet of the above. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 89. *These two docquets are noted that the Treasury Commissioners have been acquainted with the warrants dated from the Treasury Chambers, Whitehall,* 3 *Dec.* 1669, *and directed to the Privy Seal Commissioners.*]

[Sept. 30.] Patent appointing Adrian May, groom of the privy chamber, conservator of all waters belonging to the honour of Hampton Court, running from Longford through Hounslow Heath, and falling into the Thames, of all breaches and overflowings of the same, and of all fishing and fowling thereon. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 265, *No.* 179.]

Sept. 30. Minute of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 170.]

Sept. 30. Licence to Sir Alex. Frazer to stay for 3 months [in Scotland]. Minute. [*Ibid. f.* 171.]

Sept. 30. The King to [the Dean and Chapter of] Windsor. We having dispensed with the absence last year of Dr. John Lloyd, one of the

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prebendaries, you are to allow him all privileges and advantages of his prebend, notwithstanding his absence. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, *f.* 34.]

Sept. 30. Caveat in favour of Mr. Progers, equerry, that nothing pass of the estate of Wm. Williams, for killing Edm. Morgan. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 32, *p.* 6.]

Sept. 30. Grant to James Butler, in reversion after Hen. Wynne, of the offices of Steward of Westminster Palace and the Court of Marshalsea of the Household. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 86.]

Sept. 30. Grant to Wm. Prettyman, Chas. Porter, and John Fenn, on surrender of James Rogers and Richard and John Verney, of the office of Remembrancer of the first-fruits and tenths. [*Ibid.*]

Sept. ? Notes [by Williamson, probably on the death of the Queen Mother] of precedents relative to messages of condolence interchanged between princes. Sir Nicholas Armorer was presented on being sent over to notify the death of the Princess Royal, and Duke of Gloucester; Mons. Soigne, who was sent in return to condole, was also presented. Upon the death of the Queen of Bohemia, none were sent, it being done by letters. Upon the death of the Queen Mother of Portugal, Mr. Roper was sent to condole, and was presented, as also upon the death of the Duchess of Savoy; and if any are sent to England from Savoy on a like occasion, their presentation will be expected. M. de Bellefonds, sent from the King of France to condole on the death of the late King of Spain, was reported to have been presented, and so was Des Moulens, sent on the same occasion from the Queen of France. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 265, *No.* 179A.]

Sept. ? Petition of Sieur Deschappelle, Lieutenant of the Guards of the late Queen Mother, and of her 5 bedchamber women, to the King for payment of 1,000 jacobuses owed by the Queen to each of them —except Louise de Planey, whose debt is 800 louis d'or—of 500 due to their late mother, and of such reward as thought fitting for their 40 years' service. Would have come to England to solicit for themselves, but understood his Majesty did not wish it, and they have therefore entrusted their cause to [Sir Thos.] Bond. [*French. Ibid. No.* 180.]

Sept. ? Petition of the late Queen Mother's footmen to the King, for support after long and faithful service; were only paid their wages due in France, and her sudden death has deprived them of all future means of subsistence. [*Ibid. No.* 181.]

Sept. ? Petition of old Ant. Goddard, for 43 years footman to the late Queen Mother, to the King, for allowance for mourning for his said dear lady, as granted to his fellows of a few years' standing; and also for 4 years' linen money due to him. [*Ibid. No.* 182.]

Sept. ? The King to the Duke of York. You are to give orders for sending to Rouen a ship fit to bring over certain of the goods and household stuff of the late Queen Mother, remaining in France at her decease. [*Draft by Williamson. Ibid. No.* 183.]

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Sept. Warrant to pay to Rob. Foley 4,335*l.*, due to the King from Chris. Jay, late receiver of hearth money in Norfolk, and the remainder of 4,401*l.* 10*s.* 2*d.* due to him on several orders to be paid from the Exchequer. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 87.]

Sept. Warrant to the Treasurer of the Chamber to pay 12*d.* daily to Henry Brockwell, appointed keeper of lutes and viols, in place of Rich. Hudson, deceased. [*Ibid. No.* 90.]

Sept. Memoranda from the Signet book of offices granted in reversion, from May 1667 to Sept. 1669. [3 *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 265, *No.* 184.]

Sept. ? [Projected] Commission to prorogue the Parliament, which began 8 May 1661, has continued by several prorogations, and is appointed to reassemble on 19 Oct. 1669, but which the King wishes to prorogue still further. [*Latin.* 1½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 184A.]

Sept. Wm. Acworth to the Navy Commissioners. I send an account of provisions sold in May 1669 to persons named. [*Ibid. No.* 185.]

Sept. Abstract of an account by Col. Thos. Middleton, of stores fit to be supplied to the several yards for the years 1669 and 1670, amounting in value to 12,000*l.* [*Ibid. No.* 186.]

Sept.
Deal.
Lists sent by Morgan Lodge, to Williamson, of King's and merchant ships in the Downs, the state of the wind, time of the arrival and despatch of mails, &c.

Vol. 265. No.	Date.	King's.	Merchants'.	Wind.	Mails.		REMARKS.
					Arrival.	Departure.	
187	Sept. 6	1	16	S.W.	—	—	
188	„ 7	1	—	E.	—	—	
189	„ 10	1	—	N.E.	—	—	
190	„ 13	1	—	N.E.	—	—	
191	„ 14	1	—	N.E.	—	—	
192	„ 16	1	1	E.N.E.	—	—	
193	„ 17	1	3	E.N.E.	—	—	
194	„ 18	1	3	S.E.	—	—	
195	„ 19	1	5	S.W.	—	—	
196	„ 20	1	9	S.W.	—	—	
197	„ 22	1	8	S.W.	—	—	
198	„ 22	1	10	S.	—	—	
199	„ 24	1	10	S.W.	—	—	
200	„ 26	1	9	N.E.	—	—	The fleet is under sail.
201	„ 27	1	2	E.S.E.	—	—	

Oct. 1.
Court at Whitehall.
Petition of Wm. Fergison, mariner, to the King, to be allowed to return to the fleet, where his whole life has been spent, and not be transported as a merchant's slave. Has received a reprieve, but being only a poor seaman, is utterly undone by lying in prison. With reference thereon to the Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench, or to Sir John Howell, the Recorder; and report of the latter that the petitioner was convicted of picking the pocket of Wm. Done of 46*s.*, but there being a probability that the accuser might have been mistaken in the person that robbed him, and divers credible persons

appearing on behalf of the petitioner, he is a fit object for his Majesty's pardon. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 266, *No.* 1.]

Oct. 1. Entry of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 70.]

[Oct. 1.] Whitehall. Like petition of Wm. Fergison, for free pardon, and to be capacitated to get his living in his calling. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 266, *No.* 2.]

Oct. 1. Warrant for a grant to the Queen Consort, of Denmark House, *alias* Somerset House, *alias* Strand House, with its gardens, orchards, &c., as formerly granted to the Queen Mother. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 170.]

Oct. 1. Caveat in favour of the Earl of Bridgwater, that nothing pass of the stewardship of Tring, co. Hertford. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 32, *p.* 6.]

Oct. 1. The King to the Attorney-General. Recapitulation of a previous warrant, assigning upon certain portions of the revenue of Ireland the payment of 50,000*l.* to James, Earl of Suffolk, for purchase of Audley End. As these orders for payment cannot be observed, you are to prepare a grant of the said sum; 30,000*l.* to be paid from the moneys due on the late Act passed in Ireland, after payment of 10,000*l.* thereof to us; or from any other branch of the revenue, after payment of the arrears of the Army; and the remaining 20,000*l.* to be paid in like manner, one moiety before 25 March 1671, and the other before 25 March 1672. In case the moneys prove insufficient for payment, the said sum is to be paid in some other way, and the said mansion safely conveyed to the King. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 26, *f.* 70.]

Oct. 1. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. Departure of a ship for the Straits, and one for Virginia; two small French vessels have arrived, laden with salt. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 266, *No.* 3.]

Oct. $\frac{1}{11}$. Brussels. Fr. Crane to Rob. Francis. I have no news but what is received from the English *Gazette.* The Spanish soldiers rob so that the people are kept prisoners in their houses, and debarred of recreation, and the very waggoners and market people carry carbines and fowling pieces. [*Ibid. No.* 4.]

Oct. 1. Yarmouth. A. B[ower] to Williamson. A Greenland vessel has passed through the Road for London, and 100 sail of colliers. Some fisher boats went out and returned with 100 lasts of herrings, so we hope there will be some good fishing. A ship from Stockholm has arrived. [*Ibid. No.* 5.]

Oct. 1. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. The Scots challenge his Majesty's promise about their Church government, granted when he was last in Scotland, to which the Presbyterians here listen, and say Amen, being as ready as ever to make a new covenant of rebellion. [*Ibid. No.* 6.]

Oct. 1. Portsmouth. Capt. Paul Bucknam to Col. Rob. Manley, to be left with Wm. Avery, town clerk of London, at his house in Gresham College. I have been detained, having to meet Lord Sandwich, the Ambassador, who came ashore on Monday and has gone to London. On Monday our Governor, Sir Philip [Honeywood], who waited on the

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Earl, went out of town for 10 days; I hope, on his return, we shall get our pay; yours commences from 26 Sept. I am only acting as your steward, and am at some charge. I have sent one of your sick soldiers to the hospital, and you may have another for him. I will make a list of all muskets, pistols, &c.; they are at your service.

I desire my money may be ready within a fortnight, so that I may not be kept in London, as my father will not allow me 2*d.*, except I marry a wife he has set out for me; but as she is not very handsome, though rich, I can hardly do so. I will write every week. Capt. Broughton came to me to treat with Col. Ratcliffe, but I know not the man, and I never told him that you wrote to me, or I to him. With certificate by Col. Rob. Manley. This is Capt. Bucknam's letter to me, and denotes the time when my commission ought to be dated, and when I am to enter upon my company and pay. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 266, *No.* 7.]

Oct. 1. Portsmouth. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. Israel Pownall, mastmaker at Portsmouth Yard, died last night; I request you to recommend Dan. Taylor to his Royal Highness for the employment; he has had his breeding under me, worked divers years upon masts, and is well acquainted with the rules. The new ship, *St. Michael,* went well off the ground yesterday. [*Ibid. No.* 8.]

Oct. 1. Deptford. Thos. Turner to the Navy Commissioners. The *Unity* horseboat has brought some old junk from Chatham, which is only fit to be picked into oakum; I have taken it ashore. Having nothing to freight her with, she must return empty, unless you have any freight for her. [*Ibid. No.* 9.]

Oct. 1. Chatham. Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. The *Black Dog* hoy has arrived, with her lading of plank. I will fit the *Macklier* and *Black Post Horse* hoys for fetching the timber from Stockwith. Understanding you will not venture the *Black Dog* to Stockwith any more, if you will lend her to Mr. Moorcock, she will serve his turn. I have caused your order as to the sale of the wrecks to be put up at Rochester and Chatham, and ordered their speedy appraisement. Mr. Gregory will make all possible haste about the pay due to Chatham Yard; he questions whether his quarterly books will be ready by Thursday, having 6 to make up, but he will be prepared by Monday. [*Ibid. No.* 10.]

Oct. 2. Chatham. Col. Thos. Middleton to the Navy Commissioners. I have sent to Sir Roger Twysden that I intend to be with him on Monday about the timber, and ordered the purveyor to take an exact account of the trees, and let me know his judgment. I am troubled for the want of knees; I presume Mr. Ruffhead has been with you about the anchors. I think you will do well to try the market, and when you have done so, I know it will be good husbandry to give 5 per cent. more to him than to any man in England, except the King's smith at Deptford. The calkers will not finish the work in hand till next March, when it will be time to begin anew; it is strange that the Thames cannot afford 20 calkers; what would you do if all the King's ships were to be sent to sea?

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There will be a great want of blocks for the new ship, but the making them of green wood should be avoided, as great damage is often occasioned thereby. [2½ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 266, *No.* 11.]

Oct. [2.] Petition of Lewzy Allen, carver, to the Navy Commissioners, for a recommendation to his Royal Highness for the carver's place at Portsmouth, vacant by death of Rob. Reynolds, having wrought in Chatham Yard ever since the Restoration. [*Ibid. No.* 12.] *Encloses,*

> *Certificate by Thos. Fletcher, that Lewzy Allen is an able and diligent workman, and fit for the said place.*—2 *Oct.* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 12I.]

Oct. 2. Wanstead. Sir Wm. Penn to the Navy Commissioners. Particulars of 3 books required by Sir Jeremy Smith. One consisted of single sheets relating to sick and wounded, which were lost; but one of Sir Jeremy Smith's office clerks might collect the same, he having the Commissioners' books for sick and wounded in his hands. The second was a book of indents and charges of pursers; the third was the copy of pursers' accounts cleared in my time. There is nothing contained in either but what I left in the office, either in books or papers fairly written. [1½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 13.]

Oct. 2. London. Edw. Wayte to Viscount Conway, Dublin. I have paid the coachmaker 40*l.*, out of the money that Mr. Garatt had by him at his death, and Mr. Smith must have 29*l.* more when I receive the 30*l.* bill. I sent the coachmaker's bill, 99*l.* 1*s.*, and 3*l.* 3*s.* for my charges in sending to Chester, making 102*l.* 4*s.*, to Sir George Rawdon. Mr. Garatt took a warrant to Sir Rob. Vyner for the plate, and I suppose you received the money for it. The imprest and creation money are not received as yet; I have sent 40 times to Whitehall about it; they promise fair, but say no viscounts or barons' warrants are signed as yet. I heard Garatt speak of a bill for 70*l.* he had received from you; I suppose he disposed of it according to instructions, but am unwilling to look over his papers until you come. I send an inventory of all the things in your house. I forwarded some books to her ladyship at Ragley; I took her muff and tippet to be cleaned by the furrier, the moth having got into them. I delivered the 2 bills from Cratford, as ordered. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 14.]

Oct. 2. Milford. John Powell to Williamson. The *Truelove* of Bristol has put in here; she is bound for Tangiers, with provisions and other goods. [*Ibid. No.* 15.]

Oct. 2. Same to Hickes. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 16.]

Oct. 2. Hull. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. Four vessels have sailed for Holland; the *St. Jacob*, a Swede, for Stockholm; the *Merchants' Adventure* for Bordeaux, a billander for Bruges, and a ship for Newhaven. Two have arrived from Gottenburg, and one from Norway; 80 sail of laden colliers passed by for the south. [*Ibid. No.* 17.]

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Southampton.
Thos. Butler to Williamson. I sent the petition of John Warner of Winton, concerning his son John, a child in Winton College, by Dr. Clerk, as directed. Has his Majesty granted any letter for any one in the college for the year 1670? If not, I beg you will procure one for the nomination of Warner's son to New College, Oxford, the following year; the due premium for such favour shall be punctually paid to your order. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 266, *No.* 18.]

Oct. 3.
Dover,
8 p.m.
Dr. Jenkins to [Williamson]. It was said the Commissioners should have a note under Mr. Brown's hand of the goods, &c., ordered out of Somerset House, but I do not know who has it, and do not conceive it proper for me to ask my Lord S. A. [St. Albans] nor Sir T. B[ond] for it; the words seem to import that the paper was to be delivered at Paris. I beg a line in the affair, and your promised project of the treaty. [*Damaged. Ibid. No.* 19.]

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Dover.
John Carlile to Williamson. Madam Stewart, mother to the Duchess of Richmond, arrived from France yesterday. The *Henrietta* has sailed for Calais with the Earl of St. Albans, Lord Arundel, Col. Thos. Howard, brother of the Earl of Carlisle, Sir Rob. Hart, and Dr. Jenkins, for the purpose, it is supposed, of interring her Majesty, the late Queen Mother, at Paris. [*Ibid. No.* 20.]

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Portsmouth.
Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Thursday the great ship called the *Saint Michael* was launched, after great difficulties. [*Ibid. No.* 21.]

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Privy seal for 350*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to [Wm.] Bucknall, being the interest on 70,000*l.*, from 24 June to 24 Aug. 1669, and 649*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* as gratification for services done. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 171.]

Oct.
Docquet of the above, dated Oct. 12. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 92.]

Oct. 3.
Warrant for a pardon to Wm. Fergison, convicted at the Old Bailey sessions of felony, but reprieved, he having spent much time in service in the fleet, and other circumstances recommending him to mercy. [*Ibid. f.* 171.]

Oct.
Docquet of the above, dated Oct. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 101.]

Oct. 3.
The King to the Lord Keeper. Lord Robartes, Keeper of the Privy Seal being made Lieutenant of Ireland, was directed to leave the privy seal in our hands. We having appointed Sir Edw. Dering, Bart., Sir Thos. Strickland, and Rob. Milward, Commissioners for keeping the Privy seal, you are to deliver the same to Lord Arlington, to be by him delivered to the said Commissioners. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, *f.* 35.]

[Oct. 3.]
Draft of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 266, *No.* 22.]

Oct. 3.
Col. Walter Slingsby to Williamson. I have been abroad with the Plate and Royal Oak lotteries, and know not what my brother trustees will do about their list. I would not be known to swell it, but beg that Mrs. Heydon, daughter of a brave officer, and Mrs. Holloway, widow of a gallant person, may be put on the list. [*Ibid. No.* 23.]

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Declaration by the trustees appointed for management of all lotteries for loyal necessitated commission officers, that though the list of those concerned in this grant is impatiently expected, they have met with great trouble and intricacy in preparing it, several making claims who, on inquiry, are found to have no right thereto; and they have had to give time and liberty to claimants, to prove their rights.

The trustees are very sensible of the wants of the truly meritorious persons for whom they are entrusted, yet wonder at their clamours for a speedy supply, not considering that the affair is attended with much charge and care, and that if the stocks of plate were broken to satisfy present wants, it would prejudice future interests. They are sorry to find that, though for 14 months they have given the lotteries their constant care, and reduced them to lower odds than has been done before, for encouragement of adventurers, they do not turn out as well as was hoped for; though 4,000*l.* has been paid to Lewis, the goldsmith, a remaining debt of 2,000*l.* to him and others is still unpaid. [1 *sheet, printed. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 266, *Nos.* 24, 25. *Two copies.*]

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Chatham.

Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. I send a demand from the shipwright and storekeeper for provisions wanting, and an appraisement of several wrecks. The sides of the *Constant John* giving way, I shall not be able to weigh her, and to save charge, I have ordered all provisions and vessels to be brought up, except the *Hardereen,* which will be convenient to lodge the men to be continued in pay, till they have completed blowing up the wrecks. The powder and granadoes, with other materials, have arrived from the Tower, but I cannot prevail with the storekeeper of the Ordnance to let Capt. Moorcock and Mr. Moore use any of their conveniences in filling the chests, he having an order to the contrary, as the Ordnance officer here thinks it dangerous. I desire you will speedily obtain leave, or his Royal Highness's commands; I cannot apprehend that the danger will be greater here than at Woolwich, where all things were received and fitted in their storehouse, and on their wharf.

The *Macklier* and *Black Post Horse* hoys will be ready to sail on Wednesday, and to victual for 2 months apiece; I have ordered Capt. Moorcock and Mr. Moore to supply them, and also the *Black Dog,* with the provisions in their custody, their men being now upon discharge. I sent to Maidstone to inquire whether there is any timber there fit for the new ship. I informed Mr. Gregory that you will not send down to pay till Monday. I find the water engine was all decayed, and only the brass work was sent up. [$1\frac{3}{4}$ *pages. Ibid. No.* 26.] *Enclosing,*

> *Certificate by Wm. Rand and* 4 *others, that on warrant from Commissioner Cox, they have viewed the wrecks and bottoms of wrecks named, lying in the Medway, and have appraised them at sums mentioned, amounting in the whole to* 113*l.*—2 *Oct.* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 26I.]

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Treasury Chambers.

Sir George Downing to the Navy Commissioners. By command of the Commissioners, I desire you will despatch the accounts of the Earl of Anglesey, as late Treasurer of the Navy, and also those of Sir Denis Gauden; from their long depending, the service has suffered great prejudice. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 266, *No.* 27.]

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London.

Sir Rich. Ford to the Navy Commissioners. I request you will order your workmen to do what is necessary for our common safety with regard to the chimneys between your office and my house, which meet in a common stack, and I will pay an equitable proportion of the charge. [*Ibid. No.* 28.]

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Stockwith.

John Russell to the Navy Commissioners. I was not with the *Black Dog* at her last loading of timber, which you are right in saying was bad, but I cannot help its lying so long after being felled; I take as much care as I can to send in good. I have sent a bill of lading of the *James*, containing 33 loads; you may be informed that this timber is bad. Mr. Harrison will not be loaded till the end of the week, and the *Adam and Eve* is aground, and cannot come up till the next spring [tide]. [*Ibid. No.* 29.]

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Warrant to Lord Admiral the Duke of York, to deliver to John Straughan the *Hind* ketch, *alias Kitchen*, with her anchor, apparel, &c., as the King's free gift. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 171.]

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Docquet of the above dated 11 Oct. [*Docquet. Vol.* 24, *No.* 91.]

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Warrant to Lord Chamberlain Manchester to swear in Philip Vignon as one of the King's limners in ordinary. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 126.]

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Like warrant to swear in Claude Vignon as limner. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

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York.

T. Aslaby, collector of the customs at York, to Williamson, at his office, Scotland Yard. A conventicle is held at York every Sabbath day by Luck, a Nonconformist minister, and is frequented by a great many of the town. These unlawful assemblies look like the forerunner of the late sad rebellion; therefore I hope they may be suppressed, before they come to too great a head. To avoid all distaste or resentment, being a stranger here, I desire all communications to be sent to Wm. Warter, in the post office at York. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 266, *No.* 30.]

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Pendennis.

Fras. Bellott to Williamson. Sixty sail of ships are in port, outward bound, some being for the Straits and other ports, but most for France, for wines. The *African*, and divers others, put to sea, but were forced back again. A small vessel from Ireland reports that 30 sail of French watered at Barbadoes some time since, and that it is reported in Ireland that they have since fallen on Hispaniola, and taken it. [*Ibid. No.* 31.]

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Calendar of 6 persons committed [in London and Westminster] since the last general quarter sessions, 2 of whom were sent to the House of Correction, 3 bailed by Sir Wm. Poulteney, Bart., and

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others, and one discharged for transportation; also of 4, now in custody; also of 34 committed to the Gatehouse or bailed since the last general sessions, one of whom, Paul Bovey, was charged with conspiring the death of the Earl of Manchester, in his journey to London. [4 *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 266, *No.* 32.]

Oct. 4. News-letter. The elections for Parliament are taking place in Scotland. There is a sudden change amongst the people, and none are to be chosen that will not sign a declaration against the covenant and other seditious practices, and that the indulgence to the exiled ministers was only a trepan. The provost of Dumfries declared that he hoped within 6 months the whole Book of Common Prayer would be used in Scotland. The borough of Annan refused Brice Blair as their burgess, because he would only pass his word, but not subscribe the declaration, so [Wm.] Graham, a country gentleman, was chosen. [*Ibid. No.* 33.]

Oct. 5. Plymouth. John Clarke to Williamson. A ship of Poole from Mevis [Nevis], and another from New England, have put in, and continue with others outward bound, waiting a fair wind. A vessel of the town sent to Newfoundland for fish has returned dead freighted, there being no fish to load her. [*Ibid. No.* 34.]

Oct. 5. Same to Hickes. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 35.]

Oct. 5. Southampton. [Capt.] R[ob.] M[anley] to Rob. Francis. I am still waiting for a fair wind; send me news and the *Gazettes*, "or this place will be the irksomest to me in the world." What success have my books had? Direct your letters to Capt. Drake here, to be conveyed to me. [*Ibid. No.* 36.]

Oct. 5. Letter Office. A. Ellis to [Williamson]. The mails beginning to languish every day, and the postmasters growing proof against rebukes, I think it my duty to inform his lordship of the faults of Dalton Clark, and pray that you will have him sent for with all speed. We must spur the postmasters up before winter begins, otherwise we shall lose the course of the mails. [*Ibid. No.* 37.] *Enclosing,*

> *A. Ellis to Lord Arlington. Dalton Clark, being deputy postmaster of the stage of Witham, is thereby obliged to ride with the mails through his stage, at the rate of* 5 *miles an hour; but on* 30 *June* 1669, *he was* 9 *hours riding to the next stage, a distance of* 18 *miles; on* 21 *July he was* 6 *hours riding the same distance, and on* 26 *Sept. he was* 7 *hours. These neglects are of infinite prejudice to general despatch, especially of the foreign mails, in relation to the state of that passage at Harwich. Clark having refused to appear upon summons, at the Letter Office in London, to show cause, I pray you to send a messenger for him, to answer such defaults and contempt.—Letter Office,* 5 *Oct.* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 37I.]

Oct. 5. W. Sheridan to Lord [Arlington]. The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland has issued a proclamation, requiring all persons having employments there to be at them within 30 days; and notwithstanding my

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friends have assured him that I was unable to do so through illness, and desired absence until I have recovered, the Lord Lieutenant has denied it, and bid me stay away at my peril. As I owe possession of the deanery solely to your favour and friendship, I beg you will procure a letter from the King to the Lord Lieutenant, requiring him to dispense with me for 3 months. If the letter is procured, it should be sent to the Lord Primate [Michael Boyle, Archbishop of Dublin], to be forwarded; otherwise the Lord Lieutenant may conceal it. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 266, *No.* 38.] *Annexing,*

Certificate by Thos. Sydenham, M.D., that Wm. Sheridan is very sick, and is a patient of his, and unable to take a journey out of town, without great hazard of his life.—5 *Oct.* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 39.]

Oct. 5. Certificate by Barth. Beale, Auditor of the Exchequer, of the state of the Earl of Newburgh's account, for the rent of the farm of the 6*d.* writs in Chancery, farmed by him from Christmas 1663, but from which he was suspended June 1667; of the payments made by him, the deductions for allowances, &c., so that the King has only received 1,239*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* [*Ibid. No.* 40. *See* 6 *Dec.* 1669.]

Oct. 5. Order on the petition of Dr. [Wm.] Birstall—for appointment of some fit persons to examine the differences between him and Sir And. Henley—referring the same to the Bishop of Oxford and the Attorney-General, to compose the said differences, or report upon them to his Majesty. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 71. *See Calendar* 1667–68, *p.* 125.]

Oct. 5, Portsmouth. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. When the new ship's masts are set, I can wait upon you. Pray send down 1,000 yards of French canvas, Capt. Ansley having orders to rig the Queen's new ship out of the stores, and there being none there. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 266, *No.* 41.]

Oct. 5. Woolwich. Edw. Byland to Col. Middleton. The bearer has a sample of reed and broom, and if you will contract with him, he will serve it into the yard. I desire an order to Mr. Hayter to send some grindstones, which, although "of small validity," are yet absolutely necessary. [*Ibid. No.* 42.]

Oct. 5. M. Wren to the Navy Commissioners. His Royal Highness has thought fit to bring back the time of your weekly coming to him to Friday afternoon, so you need not attend to-morrow. [*Ibid. No.* 43.]

Oct. 5. Deptford. Jonas Shish to the Navy Commissioners. Pray order down some plumbers to the *Sapphire*, they refusing to attend without order. [*Ibid. No.* 44.]

Oct. 6. Victualling Office. Sir Denis Gauden to the Navy Commissioners. The Lords of the Treasury acquainted me that the service would suffer, as my accounts were not given in. I delivered them to the Auditors of Imprests, as my contract directs, up to Dec. 1668, and gave the Commissioners of Accounts a breviat, whereby they may see what they amounted to in the time of the war; but I acquainted them that

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there were other disbursements for that time included in succeeding accounts. I have only to settle the Toulon and Lent accounts, which lie before the Lords of the Treasury, and an account of provisions received by pursers from victualling ships, for which they did not indent as is customary, so these victuals are not charged to the King; also an account of cask, both which I am drawing up, and shall shortly present, with a 6 months' account from Jan. 1669 to June last. All other accounts of victualling to Dec. 1668 are settled by you, and are with the auditors. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 266, *No.* 45.]

Oct. 6. Chatham. Col. Thos. Middleton to the Navy Commissioners. There is a quantity of good timber in the yard, but it is not of fit length for the works on the new ship; as she is likely to be a gallant one, it will be a great pity if she should want materials to make her complete. The timber demanded should be provided, if it is to be had.

Mr. Wilson, the storekeeper, desires all the canvas measured, which will be a work of time; but it is not reasonable for me to desire that of another man that I would not accept of myself; that is, to take things by contents. There is more canvas here than I should have judged, considering the ships that have been sent out of this port since my last survey; some of it has been in store several years. Shall it be measured by the sail-makers here, or will you send down Mr. Harris, the King's sail-maker, to see it done? It requires care and skill, and will take a month to accomplish.

Capt. Cox being gone for London, I opened his letter of instructions to the masters of the galliots, and have ordered them both for this place; it is possible some beams may be brought, which are more wanting here than in any other yard. All diligence shall be used, when the time comes for selling the wrecks. Shall the *Minion* be sold with the rest, or broken up and burnt? The single dock is empty and much decayed, and will require much time before it can receive a ship into it. Mr. Mason has a quantity of timber to sell at Maidstone; he has been too hard with you about converting his great timber in the woods; some of it I have seen, but it does not answer my expectation; it is very good, but short, and not fit for the service intended. [2¼ *pages. Ibid. No.* 46.]

Oct. 6. Deptford. Jonas Shish to Sir Jeremy Smith. The charge of cutting a slip for launching masts on the gun wharf in the yard at Deptford will come to 28*l.* [*Ibid. No.* 47.]

Oct. 6. Hull. Joseph Blaydes to the Navy Commissioners. I hope you will let me have half the money you promised me, having been at great trouble and cost. [*Ibid. No.* 48.]

Oct. 6? Remarks on Dr. [John] Price's MS. as being too detailed, and making people too knowing in politics, and too diffident of the promises of their governors. With references to many pages, particularly on the proceedings of General Monk, *e.g.*, "p. 29. The General's lady declares her Lord to be a Presbyterian; see also p. 113." [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 49.]

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Oct. 6. The King to the Provost and Fellows of Eton. We grant a dispensation to Dr. John Price, chaplain to the Duke of Albemarle, and Fellow of that college, to hold also the rectory of Petworth, co. Sussex. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 19, *p.* 109.]

Oct. 6. Staveley. Lord Frescheville to Williamson. I beseech you to present this enclosure [missing] to Lord Arlington, and send his reply to Staveley in Derbyshire, where I intend staying, until his Majesty's pleasure is known concerning my attendance at Parliament. I repeat my suit respecting the presentation of Eckington. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 266, *No.* 50.]

Oct. 6. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Williamson. A vessel has arrived from Ireland, having a seaman aboard formerly belonging to the *Susan and Anne* of London, Capt. Reed commander, bound for the Barbadoes; he reports that when off Kinsale, she suddenly sprang a leak, and went down, and that out of 26 men, only 11 saved themselves in the boats, the captain and the rest perishing with the ship. Three ships from Newfoundland speak of a great tempest there, and the loss of many men and boats; 50 or 60 sail of merchantmen are in harbour, outward bound. A passenger from Holland reports that great military preparations are made there, and that they talk of a speedy war with France. [*Ibid. No.* 51.]

Oct. 6. Same to Hickes. Similar to part of the above. [*Ibid. No.* 52.]

Oct. 7. Dover. Jo. Carlile to Williamson. I beg to be excused from paying a 2*d.* postage for your letters, the like favour being enjoyed by others. I hear by the packet from France, that Lord Douglas has been killed in a duel, by the Duke of Normandy; the cause of the quarrel is not known. Lord Brereton has arrived from Calais, having left Dover only 2 days before. He has promised to be my friend in the recovery of my money from Mr. Blayney. [*Ibid. No.* 53.]

Oct. 7. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. A great many ships are now in the Downs, bound for the Straits, Jamaica, &c. [*Ibid. No.* 54.]

Oct. 7. Commission for Sir Rob. Holmes to be captain of a company of foot of 60 men, now to be raised in the Isle of Wight, Peter Gallois to be his lieutenant, and Thos. Holmes his ensign. Minute. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 20, *p.* 202].

Oct. 7. Dublin. Capt. W. Fasby to the Navy Commissioners. Being ordered to lie upon this coast, I want a supply of new sails, &c., having had no recruit for 12 months. I have not a spare rope in the yacht, and nothing of carpenter's stores. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 266, *No.* 55.]

Oct. 7. Chatham. Col. Thos. Middleton to the Navy Commissioners. Pray order Mr. Gould to take away the ground tow and rakings which he bought, that we may use the room they take up, or I cannot carry on my survey. [*Ibid. No.* 56.]

Oct. 8. Chatham. Same to the Same. I will treat with Mason for his timber for the new ship; I shall be glad to see Mr. Harris to measure the canvas, as I wish to forward all business with expedition, this being no delightful place to be in. There are as many hands

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spared as possible to repair the single dock, which will be fit to receive ships in January. Mr. Mason's timber holds out according to contract, but you must find some other way to make contracts, otherwise you will be abused to the end of the chapter.

I shall not be long before I send what is required for passing the boatswains and carpenters' accounts, but whatever I send, it will be short. "If honest, prudent men be appointed to be commanders of the King's ships, he cannot be cheated as he is; but so long as men are commanders that do not know how to distinguish between a horse head and a Roman, the King must be cheated, without remedy." Let the gentlemen at Brooke House know this; I will own it, and give a satisfactory reason.

I have examined the clerk of the cheque's book, as to payment of the money mentioned in Capt. Shales' tickets, and send a copy; but as to signing, I am resolved to see my elder brethren sign first. I surveyed the anchors, but find none fit for the new ship, and beg you to mind this, as I should not be willing to go to sea in a ship without anchors, unless it were to go into harbour, where the ship might be made fast to a tree; but I do not remember one tree growing on Deal beach. [2 *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 266, *No.* 57.] *Encloses,*

List of 32 *men, with sums set against each, as having been paid or remaining due; totals,* 65*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.* and 122*l.* 8*s.* 0*d.* [*Ibid. No.* 57I.]

Oct. 8. Grant of denization to John Johnson Lemkes, native of Holland. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 172.]

Oct. Docquet of the above, dated 22 Oct. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 95.]

Oct. 8. Warrant to the clerks of the Privy Seal for the time being, and executors of such as are dead since the Restoration, to pay to Gideon Mobileau all moneys collected for fees due to the King, during the vacancy of a [Lord] privy seal, before Lord Robartes was appointed Keeper, and of all due to Robartes, his right wherein he has resigned to the King. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 173.]

Oct. [8.] Docquet of the above. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 99.]

Oct. 8. Brooke House, Holborn. Order of the Committee for Accounts, signed by Viscount Halifax, requiring Wm. Wardour, Clerk of the Pells, to attend them forthwith, to answer questions. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 266, *No.* 58.]

Oct. 8. Whitehall. Order in Council, on consideration of the proposed annexation of the Armoury Office to the Ordnance Office, that Col. Legg and all the other Armoury officers shall enjoy their offices and salaries during the life of Col. Legg; but that after his death, the office shall be joined to that of the Ordnance, according to the late warrant for its annexation. [*Ibid. No.* 59.]

[Oct. 8.] Note of the King's pleasure that on the next vacancy of the place of Lieutenant of the Ordnance, now in possession of Col. Wm. Legg, the office of treasurer or paymaster shall devolve on the Lieutenant, with a salary of 416*l.* a year, to complete the 800*l.* a year on the quarter-books; but he is to take no poundage or reward, on pain of removal from his place. He is not to be one of

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the officers who sit to contract and advise at the office board, but is to obey the orders of the master and officers. And whereas the present Lieutenant has 160*l.* a year for 2 clerks, the next is to have only one clerk at 50*l*; the succeeding treasurer is to have 2 at 60*l.* each. [1½ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 266, *No.* 60.]

Oct. $\frac{8}{18}$. Brussels. Fr. Crane to Rob. Francis. I have very little news except from the English *Gazette;* we are in continual grief about Candia, which has been so often lost and relieved. [*Ibid. No.* 61.]

Oct. 8. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. I send letters received from Mr. Holden. The *Nonsuch* ketch and a ship from New England have sailed for the Downs. I sent your letter to Falmouth, to be delivered on board the *African* if there, and if not, to be returned. [*Ibid. No.* 62.]

Oct. 8. Wm. Sheridan to Williamson. I send you 6*l.* by Father Patrick's directions, for obtaining his Majesty's letter to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. I will acknowledge your favour in procuring it; send the letter with a flying seal, so that my Lord Primate, who will deliver it, knowing the contents, may second it to my greater advantage. [*Ibid. No.* 63.]

Oct. 8. Letter Office. A. Ellis to Williamson. I send a letter received in favour of Mr. Willison of Penrith, whom your brother recommended for postmaster. Mr. Raine being dead, and Sir John Bennet out of town, and it being necessary that the place should be supplied, Lord Arlington should expedite the business. When Raine refused to serve at the present salary, Willison agreed to it. This drew Raine on, and Willison was promised the reversion, as some reparation for his services. [*Ibid. No.* 64.]

Oct. 9. George Brereton to Williamson. Mr. Francis will bear witness that I waited on you, and missed you. I beg your assistance in obtaining me a prebend of Durham; the Bishop of Chichester being dead, the Dean of St. Paul's, it is thought, will succeed, who is a prebendary of Durham, and so it falls to his Majesty to nominate. I beg the reply may be sent to me at Bickley, Cheshire, to be left with the postmaster of Nantwich. [*Ibid. No.* 65.]

Oct. 9. Dublin. Sir G. Lane to Williamson. I hear from Sir Nich. Armorer, at Duncannon Fort, that Lord Ossory went to sea on Wednesday last, at 10 a.m. [*Ibid. No.* 66.]

Oct. 9. Weymouth. John Pocock to Hickes. The *Edgiere* of North Yarmouth has arrived from Leghorn, in company of the *Golden Falcon* and *Algiers Merchant,* and reports that Sir Thos. Allin came before Algiers on 6 Aug.; after sending his boat on shore, he began to treat, and demanded restitution of the 30,000 pieces of eight taken out of the East Indiaman; this they proffered, but denied several other of his demands, so that after a five days' truce, he broke with them, and endeavoured to do what damage he could. All their men-of-war are in port except three, which are at Bona. They heard, before leaving Leghorn, that Candia was delivered to the

Turks upon honourable terms, soon after the departure of the French forces; that all the Venetians marched out on board their galleys, before one Turk entered the town, and that when the Venetians were on board, the standard of St. Mark was taken down, and the half-moon set up, whereupon the Turks entered. They say that the Vizier had 90,000 men before it. The ship stopped at Tangiers, and heard there were 4,000 horse sent by Taffaletta to conduct to Fez his Excellency Lord Howard, who was gone with them; and that the Prince of Tuscany had arrived at Leghorn. With note by Hickes that there was no news-letter to Mr. Pocock last Saturday. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 266, *No.* 67.]

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Deal.

Rich. Watts to Williamson. A ship from Gallipoli 2 days ago reported Candia in a good holding-out condition, but we hear from Mr. Baddison, master of the *Swallow* of London, from Zante, who has been but 6 weeks homeward bound, that the city is very weak, and that it is impossible to hold out, the Turks being more eager and desperate than formerly. Several ships are in the Downs, outward bound. [*Ibid. No.* 68.]

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Warrant to Percival Stanney to bring up Dalton Clark, deputy postmaster of Witham. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 171.]

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Order on the petition of Mary, wife of Rob. Chambers—desiring that the Duke of Ormond would certify his opinion concerning her husband—that the King wishes to accept his submission and recantation, and refers it to the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the Duke of Ormond, to consider whether they be sufficient in the forms now tendered, and what security must be taken of him. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 72.]

Oct. 9.
Chatham.

Col. Thos. Middleton to the Navy Commissioners. Observations on a letter from Brooke House, with reference to boatswains and carpenters' stores, and their manner of passing their accounts. I believe the King is cheated of full ½, if not ⅔ of all stores put on board his ships, and it will always be so unless remedied as I propose. [3 *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 266, *No.* 69.]

Oct. 9.
Portsmouth.

Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. As you judge a speedy survey necessary, I have altered my resolution to attend you, and ordered all concerned to attend that work on Monday. I thought this might have been forborne till the journey into Yorkshire, designed to me by his Royal Highness, had been accomplished, the winter being so near at hand.

The quarter being expired, the workmen are importunate for their month's pay; let this be remembered, as also several sums unpaid for provisions bought, and partly served in, to the value of 1,400*l.*, besides 1,000*l.* more wanting to carry on the works. Let Mr. Ridge be supplied with money. I send a petition from the officers of the ropeyard, for payment of wages. With note that the petition was laid before his Royal Highness, with a request that the wages prayed for might be paid out of the necessary money. [*Ibid. No.* 70.]

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Jonas Shish to the Navy Commissioners. We will launch the *Sapphire* next Wednesday. Which of the ships shall be docked in her room? The *Assurance* and *Norwich* are much out of repair, and must be stripped down to the lower wale. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 266, *No.* 71.]

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Deptford.

Capt. John Tinker to the Navy Commissioners. I have no *lignum vitæ* blocks for the new ship, but Mr. Edghill will attend you on Tuesday. The stores will supply the blocks and dead-eyes. [*Ibid. No.* 72.] *Encloses,*

> *Account of the number and sizes of* lignum vitæ *blocks and dead-eyes required for the* Loyal London. [*Ibid. No.* 72I.]

Oct. 9.
University College, Oxford.

Dr. Rich. Clayton [master of University College], to Williamson. I have received a letter from Lord Arlington, through Mr. Thompson, a scholar of this house, which is so tender of the welfare of the University in general, and so sensible of the unsettled condition of this poor old college, that it is a great perplexity to us that we cannot at present comply with it. Our whole society have joined in a letter to him, wherein we have laboured to acquit ourselves, and yet have written very sparingly of the young man who has deprived himself of the good effects of his lordship's letter, by his great indiscretion, as Dr. Lamplugh fully understands, to whose letter you will give credit.

Though I am but a stranger, I am not a stranger to your care to preserve the freedom of our elections, which have so great an influence on the public; it will not be forgotten how much we owe to you and his lordship therein, so long as those hopeful young men remain whom we have had the freedom to elect. We have sent a messenger expressly to present these letters, containing a sober recital of our state, and a grateful acknowledgment to his lordship for withholding the mandate, as no greater obligation could have been laid upon us. We pray you to present our addresses to his lordship as fairly, and with as much advantage, as you can. [*Ibid. No.* 73.] *Annexing,*

> *Statement by Rich. Thompson that, whereas the Master and Fellows of University College* [*Oxford*] *are obliged by their statutes to elect to a fellowship as soon as any falls void, they have not done it, although* 3 *have been declared void for* 4 *years. Upon supplication to the visitors of their house, the Master and Fellows had a grant to suspend the profits of such vacant places, and to convert them to the payment of their debts, which grant expired on Trinity Sunday last; but they have not proceeded to an election according to the Statute. Lord Halifax urging them with a mandate on behalf of his friend* [*John*] *Savile, they are now commanded to receive him into the first of the three vacant places, and there is nothing more common now in the College than that he will be a Fellow before St. Simon and St. Jude's instant. No excuse can be urged why they did not elect me on Lord Arlington's recommendation.* [1½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 73I.]

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Oct. 10. Oxford. R. K. to Rich. Thompson or Williamson, at Lord Arlington's office, Whitehall. The Master and Fellows of University College proceeded to an election, and have chosen Mr. Savile into the first place, and [Wm.] Pindar into the third; the second I have forgotten, but it is the same person I have heard you name. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 266, *No.* 74.]

Oct. 10. Portsmouth. Chas. Collier for Capt. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The only news is that the stem and stern of a first rate ship are now raised. [*Ibid. No.* 75.]

Oct. 11. Clare Hall. Dr. Theoph. Dillingham [Master of Clare Hall], to the Bishop of London. Nath. Vincent, Fellow of this college, being upon a journey to France with a young gentleman, for his better education, asks for the necessary licence to travel, he being in holy orders. Thanks for your favours conferred on me at Stanford; I hope you got well home, and will long live to perform many such good offices for the Church. [*Ibid. No.* 76.]

Oct. [11.] Court at Whitehall. Licence for Nath. Vincent, M.A., Fellow of Clare Hall, to travel beyond seas for 3 years, for the improvement of the education of ——— ———. [*Parchment, signed. Ibid. No.* 77.]

Oct. 11. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Hickes. There have put to sea 20 or 30 merchantmen bound for France; the *African* and a few others still remain in harbour. [*Ibid. No.* 78.]

Oct. 11. Yarmouth. W. B[ower] to Williamson. There are here only 20 or 30 sail of laden colliers bound for the north and south; the fishermen bring in a great quantity of herrings. I send an enclosure for my father. [*Ibid. No.* 79.]

Oct. 11. Deal. Rich. Watts to Williamson. The *Nonsuch* ketch has come in from the North West Passage. They were six months environed with ice. First hauling their ship ashore, and building a house, they carried provisions on shore, and brewed ale and beer, and provided against the cold, which was their work. They report the natives to be civil, and beaver plentiful; those who carried out no venture have brought home 10*l.* or 12*l.* worth of beaver. A pink has arrived from Barbadoes, and reports that colony to be in a good condition. [*Ibid. No.* 80.]

Oct. 11. Letter Office. James Hickes to Williamson. The northern and Norwich mails—which were taken from the Royston boy on Sunday night, half-a-mile from the town, by two horsemen with a dark lantern, and found open in a ditch by the constables—have been received; horse and foot are out in pursuit of the fellows. We wait our packets from Nottingham, Peterborough, and Bury; they are taken away, unless found at daylight, near the place where the mail was; acquaint Mr. Ellis if you see him. [*Ibid. No.* 81.]

Oct. 11. London. Levant Company to Wm. Hedges. We revoke our order of the 6th, empowering you to draw bills on our treasurer in England, to defray the expenses of Sir D. Harvey's entertainment, in case there should not be sufficient cash at Constantinople and Smyrna to meet that and other expenses, and you are to wait our further directions. [*Levant Papers, Vol.* 5, *p.* 226.]

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Oct. 11. The King to the Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford. We recommend Rich. Thompson, B.A., scholar of that college, for one of the 3 fellowships now void there. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 19, *p.* 110.]

[Oct. 11.] Draft of the above. [*Imperfect. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 266, *No.* 82.]

Oct. 11. Commission for Geo. Legg to have his father's company in the Tower. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 20, *p.* 202.]

Oct. 11. Licence for Thos. Papillon, merchant of London, to transport 6 horses into France, for the use of his correspondents there. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 126.]

Oct. 11. Warrant to pay 100*l.* out of the late privy seal dormant for 10,000*l.* to John Werden, sent into Holland on the King's special service, for his expenses. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 26, *f.* 65.]

Oct. 11. Warrant to pay to Ambrose Norton, surveyor of the stables, 877*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.* on account for repairs of the stables in the Mews. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 91.]

Oct. 11. *Roe Kitchen,* Yarmouth Haven. Capt. Jacob Baker to the Navy Commissioners. Being ordered to lie amongst the fishermen, a storm came on, and we lost our boat. If you think fit, the bailiff of the town will supply us with a small one. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 266, *No.* 83.]

Oct. 12. Chatham. Surveyor Thos. Middleton and Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. We have sold the wrecks for 163*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.*, and there being about 30 tons of rakings lying here and rotting, we sold them also for 4*l.* 16*s.* 0*d.* a ton, ready money, to be fetched away in a month. The clerks and the money are here, and we shall begin payment to-morrow. [*Ibid. No.* 84.]

Oct. 12. Chatham. Agreement by Thos. Gould, merchant of London, with Middleton and Cox for purchase of the wrecks named, put up for sale by the candle, at the prices, and on the conditions mentioned. [*Ibid. No.* 85.]

Oct. 12. Chatham. Similar agreement by Rich. Boys for the remainder of the wrecks, and also for some rakings. [*Ibid. No.* 86.]

Oct. 12. Chatham. Similar ageeement by John Moore for the *John and Sarah*, put to sale by the candle at Chatham. [*Ibid. No.* 87.]

Oct. 12. Jonas Shish to the Navy Commissioners. No elm timber has come into the stores for carrying on the works, although promised by Mr. Mayors, the purveyor, 3 months past. The *Fanfan* and *Spy* are to be fitted for sea, and there are no boats in store fit for them; let me have a supply of timber; it will be the cheapest way to buy the boats ready built. [*Ibid. No.* 88.]

Oct. 12. Woolwich. Capt. W. Hannam and John Rudd to the Navy Commissioners. We could do little good with the wrecks, by reason of the weather. We have taken up the *House de Sweede's* spare anchor and 3 pieces of wreck, and will do our best in weighing and blowing up a chest or two, and so leave off, as the season is far spent, and our work almost at an end. We want vessels to transport 2 rafts of masts. [*Ibid. No.* 89.]

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Oct. 12. Grant to Augustine Metcalf, M.A., of the prebend of Woodhorn-cum-Erlington, Chichester Cathedral, become void by death of Dr. Hen. Thurman, and in the King's gift during the vacancy of the see. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 19, *p.* 110.]

[Oct. 12.] Draft of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II* 266, *No.* 90.]

Oct. Docquet of the above, dated 19 Oct. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 93.]

Oct. 12. Grant to Rob. Berty, Dr. Thos. Cartright, Hen. Wright, &c., of certain parcels and pieces of land called Westenholt Walk, &c. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 172.]

Oct. 12. Warrant for insertion in the grant of Somerset House to the Queen, of all the goods and chattels yet remaining there, which are in an inventory of the same, taken in 1629, when they were granted to the Queen Mother. [*Ibid.*]

Oct. 12. The King to the Master of Bennet College, Cambridge. We recommend Wormley Martin, scholar of Jesus College, to the first vacant scholarship in Bennet College, in consideration of the loyalty of Burrage Martin, his father. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, *f.* 35.]

Oct. 12. Warrant to pay to Edw. Backwell 10,000*l.*, with interest for a year from 8 July last, for the like sum paid to the Earl of St. Albans for the late Queen Mother. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 92.]

Oct. 12. Warrant to the Archbishop of Canterbury, to grant to Sir George Downing and Sir Wm. Doyley letters of administration of all goods, real and personal, belonging to the late Queen Mother. [*Ibid.*]

[Oct. 12.] Note that Rich. Ward and Wm. Dickinson, prosecutors in the name of Salmon and Waller, submit to the King a statement of the case. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 266, *No.* 91.] *Annexing,*

Account that though the import of spicery from Holland was prohibited by proclamation, 26 *Aug.* 1663, *a dispensation was granted under certain conditions, till the war with the Dutch, when all imports from them were forbidden, since which time none were brought over but by special licence; in the present case, the owner, by connivance of the Customs' officers, procured an entry for a small quantity, and, on pretence thereof, got a larger quantity admitted, which was seized. Proofs of the intention of fraud on the part of the owner, and of the falsehood of the pretences on which he petitions for entry of his goods.* [*Ibid. No.* 91i.]

Oct. 12. Report of Attorney-General Palmer on the above case, stating at full the grounds on which Benj. Waller of Yarmouth pleads for a dispensation to import certain nutmegs, but that, in strictness of law, it cannot be granted. [*Ibid. No.* 92.]

Oct. 12. Edinburgh. News that the Lord Commissioner [John, Earl of Lauderdale] arrived safely at Holyrood on the 11th; details of his journey. Though he left London privately, many of his countrymen went with

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him to Stevenage; thence by Huntingdon and Stamford he went to Grantham; there the Bishop of Durham met him and invited him to Durham Castle, where many Scottish nobles met him. The town of Newcastle had prepared an entertainment for him, but he did not stay there. He was met on his journey by numerous other nobles and troops. At Musselburgh his own regiment, that of the shire of Edinburgh, met him, commanded by Lord Ramsay, and well clothed. Particulars of his reception at Edinburgh. On reaching Holyrood House, he called a council, and received his commission from [John, Earl of Rothes], Lord Chancellor, and gave supper to most of the nobles about him. He has been more numerously received than any previous Commissioner, the crowds of people being very great, and expressing much satisfaction. The Commissioners for Parliament are chosen. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 266, *No.* 93.]

Oct. 12.
Edinburgh.
P. [B.?] Gordon to [Williamson]. I am intending to return to Russia, though the pay there is a bare subsistence; but in Scotland soldiers of fortune can obtain no honourable employment for persons of quality. In England aliens are scarcely employed, so that foreign service becomes a necessity. I travelled to Scotland with the Lord Commissioner, who was received in many places with ringing of bells and music. At Doncaster some of the Scottish nobility met him, and at other points on the road, the Earls of Roxburgh and Hume, with numerous troops, and the militia in the several counties. At Musselburgh were the King's horse, the Lothian regiments of foot, the Lord Chancellor, Duke of Hamilton, and others. As he approached Edinburgh, ordnance was fired; the city troops and 400 citizens, with the provost and magistrates, met him. He entered with the Lord Chancellor and Duke of Hamilton on each side. Sir George Gordon of Haddo is chosen Commissioner for Aberdeenshire. If things fail abroad, Sir Peter Wyche has commended me to his Majesty for service at home. [*Ibid. No.* 94.]

Oct. 12.
Plymouth.
John Clarke to Hickes. I acknowledge your letter; the *Peter* of London, bound for Cadiz, put in here by contrary winds. [*Ibid. No.* 95.]

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Brussels.
Fras. Crane to Rob. Francis. I wish Robin would look after my letters, so as not to give you the trouble of sending them. I am going to Antwerp, and thence to Ghent. [*Ibid. No.* 96.]

Oct. 12.
Navy Office.
Navy Commissioners to Surveyor Middleton. We have written to Gould to attend us touching the ground tow bought by him, and not fetched away. We directed Mr. Mayors to look out for timber, but our greatest dependence must be upon you and Commissioner Cox; we directed Mr. Harris to attend or send an instrument. We moved his Royal Highness about the *Minion*, and a privy seal is taking out for sale of the *Defiance* and *Royal Oak* wrecks, together with the *Minion*; until that is done, the sale must be deferred. We notice what you say touching Mason's timber, and the defects in making contracts, and hope that a remedy will be provided to prevent future deficiency.

We desire you to treat with Mr. Ruffhead about anchors for the

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new ship. We do not wish you to sign Capt. Shales' paper until you are fully satisfied that it is true, and ought to be signed; but it being a business that was done while you were upon the place, and had the management, it is most proper for you to lead the Board therein, either by signing first, or making objections. The whole contents of yours of the 9th being only in relation to the observations from Brooke House, we need not say anything therein, but pray you will peruse and return the enclosed demands from Woolwich, that what must be supplied may be provided. [1¾ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 266, *No.* 97.]

Oct. 13. Rich. Tolson to Williamson, at his office or chambers in Whitehall. I presumed on your courtesy to my child, and since my wife left her in London, I have written several letters to your cousin, for information as to her welfare and your intentions, but have received no answer. I hear my daughter is very melancholy and discontented, by living so solitary, and at such a distance from her relations and friends. Is she settled, or what hopes are there of it? I am resolved to provide her a portion, rather than be at vast charge in the south. If your intentions are not declared, I will send for her home next term. Thanks for all favours. [*Ibid. No.* 98.]

Oct. 13.
Whitehall.
J. Williamson to Sir Edw. Hungerford and others. I received your paper containing the charge against Wadman of Wiltshire, as an accomplice with coiners or clippers. As it was a matter of law, I consulted the Lord Keeper, who thinks that, it being a charge of treason, the party is not bailable by any justices of the peace in the county, but solely by the Lord Chief Justice, to whom application is to be made, and in whose power it will be to do as he sees cause, upon weighing the informations. [*Draft. No.* 99.]

Oct. 13. Copy of the above. [*Ibid. No.* 100.]

Oct. 13. Memorandum that there is no report in the cause of Smith *v.* Benet, filed [in Chancery] since the beginning of Trinity term last. [*Ibid. No.* 101.]

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Chatham.
Col. Thos. Middleton to the Navy Commissioners. I threatened to put Mr. Gould in the Exchequer, if he did not pay for the ground tow he had bought, and would have you second me in it. Particulars of timber. A man should be appointed to view and mark timber before it is contracted for, otherwise merchants will be too hard for you in making contracts; I recommend Brunsden, carpenter of the *Fountain*, for the purpose. A man has come down from Mr. Harris to measure the canvas, and I have ordered two of the sailmakers to work with him.

Here is a prodigious quantity of colours, all blue, which may be sent to Deptford; the King will have no occasion to buy any these 7 years, unless a war breaks out again. There are as many destroyed by the moth as cost hundreds of pounds, and are only fit to mend others or make vanes. I am glad his Royal Highness has ordered sale of the *Oak* and *Defiance*. Mr. Ruffhead is coming to London, and you can treat with him, or refer him to Commissioner Cox and myself. Mr. Mason offers to buy Sir Roger Twysden's timber, if you will have it, but not without. I am not well satisfied with Mason; I find him to be a subtle k[nave].

I hope the account I sent will satisfy you of the payment of Capt. Shales' tickets. The things now demanded ought to be supplied, except the handspikes, which can be got at Deptford. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 266, *No.* 102.]

Oct. 13. Chatham. Col. Thos. Middleton to the Navy Commissioners. I am informed that Mason—knowing that you want timber to finish the new ship, and that the country cannot afford much quantity, but that of Sir Roger Twysden's, and what he has—is certain you must buy of him. I cannot blame him, because it's like I should do the same myself; if you will be so served, I cannot help it. Time is pictured bald behind, but with a lock on his forehead. [*Ibid. No.* 103.]

Oct. 13. Treasury Office. Earl of Anglesey to the Navy Commissioners. I attended as instructed with my instruments and my engrossed account, hoping you would have been here to make some progress therein, and stayed till past 10 of the clock, in hopes of your coming. I entreat you will appoint a speedy day, that we may not all be charged with neglect in the despatch of this account, towards which I can do no more than beg your frequent meeting, till you have signed the whole. I beseech you to consider what a hard case it is for me to lie so long under so great a charge. [*Ibid. No.* 104.]

Oct. 14. Portsmouth. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. I have given order that the quarter books be made ready, and shall, as you direct, advise Mr. Ridge as to drawing the money. [*Ibid. No.* 105.]

Oct. 14. Swansea. John Man to Williamson. Several colliers are detained by the stormy weather. I hear from Llanelly, 7 miles distant, that 2 colliers, the *Providence* of Foy, and the *Nicholas* of Croisic, have been cast away, and not a man saved. The *Desire* of Swansea has arrived from Boston in New England, and reports a great hurricane and the probable loss of much shipping, there being several vessels for Bristol and other ports there at the time. A passenger by the *Desire* says that New York is likely to flourish, it being a pleasant country, having wholesome air, and a good trade. [*Ibid. No.* 106.]

Oct. 14. University College, Oxford. Dr. Rich. Clayton to Williamson. The society are sorry they could not comply with his lordship's desires, but the young man must thank himself for failing in the business, as the society can make appear. His lordship desiring a speedy account of the Fellows' resolution, I called them together, when they unanimously resolved to go to an election, and thus we supplied all the vacant fellowships, so that there is now none left for our obedience to his Majesty's commands. As there is a statute that no elections are firm till approved by the Vice-Chancellor, the doctors, and proctors, we obtained these *nemine contradicente*, but the getting of them took until Saturday, so we were delayed replying to his lordship's letter, and beg this may be explained. Dr. Lamplugh is at Reading; Mr. Thomas and Mr. Farrar are thankful for being remembered by you. [*Ibid. No.* 107.]

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Oct. 15. Work[ington?] George Williamson to Jos. [Williamson]. Hearing from cousin Wood that Mr. Taylor is ready to part with some of his offices at Windsor, including those of Receiver and Surveyor of the works of the castle, I have sent Wood to you, as without your approbation, I will not treat for either. I wrote to Taylor as a stranger, and also my cousin Lamplugh; I enclose letters which, if you approve, are to be sent to my cousin in Gray's Inn. If you can settle me near you, pray appoint a person to treat for me, and I will perform my part. I ride the gelding belonging to you, which Mr. Curwen keeps, and desire it may remain here until the spring. Remember him when the sheriffs are elected. [1¼ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 266, *No.* 108.]

Oct. 15. Nether Wallop. Lord Henry Paulett to Williamson. I received a commission from the King some years since, to preserve the game in these parts, and was commanded to send the names of offenders. Edw. Heath of Sexly is a warrener, and as such, is privileged to keep a gun, but he uses it to destroy a great number of hares on Sundays, as the bearer will inform you. I desire that he may be made an example of, as it will oblige the gentry. [*Ibid. No.* 109.]

Oct. 15. M. Goreski to Williamson. I enclose an answer from my dear friend Dr. Jenkins, and thank you for the favour of directing my letters, being more prone to return a courtesy than resent an injury. [*Ibid. No.* 110.]

Oct. 15. Court at Whitehall. Petition of John Richards, gentleman usher and quarter waiter to the Queen, to the King, for a warrant to the cofferer for allowance of board wages. Your Majesty by privy seal granted board wages to the other four supernumerary waiters, and I am the only one excepted, though I have given constant attendance, and had no allowance. With reference to the Duke of Ormond, and the officers of Green Cloth, and their report that petitioner is entitled to the wages asked, in common with the other waiters. [6 *signatures. Ibid. Nos.* 111, 112.]

Oct. 15. Declaration of the King's approval of the election of James Smith, as under-steward and town clerk of the borough of New Windsor, conditionally upon the said election having been legally made, which is disputed, and will be left to a trial at law. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 126.]

Oct. 15. Chatham. Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. I send an account of the sale of wrecks and rakings, with the names of the buyers. I shall sell the *Minion* next week. I will send Brunsden, carpenter of the *Fountain*, to view what timber may be had in these parts, and Mr. Lawrence to Sir Roger Twysden, to inform him that if he will afford the King a pennyworth of his timber, I will give him a meeting, so that you may judge as to having it first hand from him, or second hand from Mr. Mason.

I want knees and beams for the new ship, and shall have to discharge the men unless supplied. We have 400 tons of strand and yarn, and as the winter season is the most proper time for laying,

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and there is no great haste for it, I think the ropemakers may be taken off their extra half-day; it will ease the charge, they being covetous of making a day and a half's work. The days too being so short, they lose half an hour morning and evening, besides an hour on Fridays to go to market. I think it a very fit time to break so evil a custom as this hour's allowance to the pressed men, the King not being much indebted to them. [2 *pages*. *S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 266, *No.* 113.]

Oct. 15. Newcastle. Humphrey Pibus to Sir John Mennes. I desire payment of 200*l.*, disbursed in fitting the *Flying Greyhound* 3 years since, having had two journeys to London to obtain it, which is no small loss in my affairs. If I am not speedily satisfied, I must seek some other remedy. [*Ibid. No.* 114.]

Oct. 15. Treasury Chambers. Sir George Downing to the Navy Commissioners. His Majesty would have you attend him here every Monday at 3 p.m. [*Ibid. No.* 115.]

Oct. 15. Woolwich. Wm. Bodham to the Navy Commissioners. The Surveyor, perceiving the stores so cloyed with cables and cordage that they had no room to lay the great quantity of yarn into cordage, as ordered, desired the King's lighters to take the cables to Deptford, as so long as the lighters might do it, he would not allow Boatswain Rowly of Deptford Yard 2*s.* a ton for transportation. I have demanded the lighters, but 2 are unfit, and one is employed on the wrecks; I have treated with a person who will carry it at 1*s.* a ton, being half what the other had. I was informed that a ton of white oakum was bought for the new ship at Deptford, which might have been supplied from here. Capt. Taylor's son has not fetched away the rakings bought at the sale; let him be reminded, as they are much in the way. [*Ibid. No.* 116.]

Oct. 16. Deptford. Capt. John Tinker and J. Uthwat to the Navy Commissioners. Mr. Watts' oars are not received because they do not answer contract; they should be half Dantzic and half Queenborough, while they are all Queenborough, and that as mean as possible. I demanded why he would not comply with his contract; he answered that if he contracts to serve in Dantzic and Queenborough oars, one dozen of the former in 20 dozen is a compliance, and that he cannot serve the former under 5*d.* a foot. I have no prejudice against him, but resolve to do right between the King and the merchant. [*Ibid. No.* 117.]

Oct. 16. Warrant to Gilbert, Archbishop of Canterbury, to grant a dispensation to Dr. Henry Savage, chaplain in ordinary, to hold the rectories of Tillingham, co. Lincoln, Bladon, co. Oxon, and Crowmarsh, co. Oxon. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 27, *f.* 12.]

Oct. 16. Grant to John Cary of the place of ranger or riding forester of the New Forest, co. Hants, wages 6*s.* a day. Minute. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 30, *f.* 172.]

Oct. Docquet of the above, dated Oct. 20. [*Docquet* 24, *No.* 94.]

Oct. 16. Warrant for a grant to Sir John Norton, Bart., of the office of Woodward of the Forest of Chute, Pamber, Aliceholt, East and

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West Beare, and New Forest, Hants, wages 100*l.* a year. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 172.]

Oct. Docquet of the above, dated 20 Oct. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 94.]

Oct. 16. Privy seal for 20*s.* a day to the Commissioners of the Privy Seal, and 4*l.* a day in lieu of diet. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 173.]

Oct. 16. Whitehall. Account of the expenses of [Ambassador] R. Montague's mourning for the death of the Queen Mother; total, 1,382*l.* With note by Lord Arlington of the King's allowance thereof, and order for payment. [*Ibid.*]

Oct. 16. Grant to Christian Harrell of the office of Professor in Chemistry to the King [and apothecary in ordinary to the Household], in place of Nicasius Le Fevre, fee 15*l.* [*Ibid.*]

Oct. Docquet of the above, dated 23 Oct. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 96.]

Oct. 16. Establishment of one foot company, to be added to the present forces in the Isle of Wight; cost 1,146*d.* 12*s.* yearly. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 266, *No.* 118.]

Oct. 16. Edinburgh. R. M. [Rob. Mein] to Williamson. The Bishop of Glasgow [Alex. Burnet] and others were drawing up a remonstrance to the King, against the liberty given to several Nonconformists to preach, but the Council has stopped them, and confined the Bishop to his diocese; he will probably not be a Member of Parliament. [*Ibid. No.* 119.]

Oct. 16. Lord Frescheville to Williamson. I received Lord Arlington's commands, and beg you to present his lordship with an enclosure; I renew my suit concerning the presentation depending before the Lords of the Treasury, so that it may be brought to a period. [*Ibid. No.* 120.]

Oct. 16. Chester. Sir Geoffry Shakerley to Williamson. The new mayor was elected yesterday, when my Lord of Derby, the late mayor, delivered up his staff of authority to Alderman Murray who, like the sheriffs is a very loyal and honest gentleman. [*Ibid. No.* 121.]

Oct. 16. Cowes, Isle of Wight. R. Manley to [Rob. Francis]. We are languishing here for a wind for Jersey. This good reception of my story may oblige me to others; we may be very useful to each other. There is a fleet here of 16 outward-bound merchants, which will sail with this north-east wind; the *Merlin* is ordered to transport the Lieutenant-Governor of Jersey (*sic*), who has been here waiting a wind since 30 Sept. [*Ibid. No.* 122.]

Oct. 16. Deal. Rich. Watts to Williamson. Nearly all the small craft have sailed, the wind suddenly changing, and the great ships are preparing to follow. [*Ibid. No.* 123.]

Oct. 17. Deal. Same to Williamson. The great ships have sailed, and there is not one in the Downs. Since the departure of the *Sweepstakes*, there has been no ship to command the King's chamber, which is prejudicial to his Highness's Court of Admiralty; as when masters or merchants of ships are arrested in the Downs, and disobey his Highness's warrant, the commanders of the King's ships force them to it. [*Ibid. No.* 124.]

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Portsmouth.

Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. Mr. Newland looks for the pitch, tar, timber, &c., by the first easterly wind. He said that the prices of all sawn work were much risen, by want of water for the sawing mills in the country, and that deals are sold 4*s.* or 5*s.* in the pound dearer in London than 6 weeks since: let me know if it is so, or to what proportion they have risen, as also the price of masts, as I have agreed for 60 at the London price. Mr. Ridge expects some direction from Mr. Littleton about drawing the money. The quarterly books of the yard will be ready by Tuesday. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 266, *No.* 125.]

Oct. 18.
Chatham.

Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. Laurence has been to Sir Roger Twysden, and finds Mason has been twice, and proffered money for the timber; I shall meet Sir Roger at Maidstone on Thursday with the Surveyor, and bring him to as low terms as I can. The master of the *Harwich* hoy is dead; having no occasion for her, I have ordered her to Deptford with the horseboat, to take in deals for the new ship. Mr. Lewsley has proffered 10 loads of very good plank at 5*l.* 5*s.* a load. I desire your order thereon. [*Ibid. No.* 126.]

Oct. 18.
Chatham.

Same to the Same. John Clerk of Gravesend has tendered 100 oak trees, to be chosen out of 300, for 53*s.* a load, or he will sell the whole as he bought it at 26*s.* the load; he proffers to look after the land and water carriage and wharfage, which will be about 21*s.* a load more. I desire an order to view it, &c. [*Ibid. No.* 127.]

Oct. 18.
Victualling Office.

Sir Wm. Penn and Sir Denis Gauden to the Navy Commissioners. We desire you to appoint a time to discourse about supplying ships at Leghorn and Cadiz with victuals, as we do not understand your corrections. [*Ibid. No.* 128.]

Oct. 18.

The King to the Commissioners appointed for the funeral of the Queen Mother. We have advanced to Sir Thos. Bond, comptroller of the late Queen's household, 5,000*l.* for expenses of her interment, all household debts left unpaid, and wages and board wages of her servants. If more is required, you are to authorise Sir Thomas to spend 3,000*l.* to complete the said payments, which shall be repaid him with interest at 6 per cent. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, *f.* 36.]

Oct. 18.
Court at Whitehall.

Petition of John Wadman, Brook, co. Wilts, to the King. I have always lived in credit for loyalty, and have been a Master Extraordinary in Chancery since the Restoration; but through endeavouring to bring a person to punishment for speaking scandalous words of the King and Council, I have fallen under the malice of some ill-disposed persons who, by a malicious combination, have endeavoured my life and ruin, by accusing me of confederating with some persons, lately executed for clipping and coining money; and although the malice of the prosecutors has been made out to the justices of peace, as appears by their letter to

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Lord Arlington, yet they will not bail me without special directions. I beg an order to Sir Edw. Hungerford, Sir Walter Earnly, Rich. Lewis, John Eyre, and James Ashe, justices of the peace for Wilts, to admit me to bail until the next assizes. With reference thereon to the Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 266, *No.* 129.]

[Oct.] [Jos. Williamson] to Mr. Kendall. On advice of Lord Townshend, I request your vote and influence in my behalf in the approaching election at Thetford. [*Draft. Ibid. No.* 129A.]

[Oct.] [Lord Townshend] to the Mayor of Thetford. Being a neighbour of yours, and wishful to serve you, I warmly recommend Jos. Williamson as your burgess in Parliament, in place of Sir Wm. Gawdy, deceased; he will assist when the Bill for cleansing your river, or any other concerning you, is in hand. [*Draft.* 1½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 129B.]

[Oct.] Nat. Herne to Jos. Williamson. There are many difficulties about the election. The Duke of Albemarle has written to the Mayor, &c., on behalf of Sir John Coriton, and Sir Walter Young is much commended. He or you will most likely come in; I wish you could get letters from the Dukes of York and Albemarle in your favour, and then your return would be certain. Advice about the management of the election. Sir Wm. Courteen is returned for Plympton. Endorsed with 4 names and a note, "To be assured of Mr. Stair's party; otherwise if they divide, Sir John Colleton (*sic*) will get uppermost." [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 129C.]

Oct. 18. Norwich. Thos. Corie to Williamson. On my return here, I stayed 3 hours at Thetford, and found Mr. Martin in bed with a fever. Mr. Kendall was not in town. I delivered your letter to the Mayor, who is confident there will be no opposition to your election; he expects you down on Thursday, and will provide for your and your friends' entertainment. The Mayor and Martin had sent for Mr. Barber, the under-sheriff, and on my arrival at Norwich, I heard that he had been there, and given orders to Lambert, the deputy under-sheriff, not to appear at Thetford upon this business, as he would make a precept out himself. Martin says that Barber was at Thetford last week, endeavouring to make interest for Sir Geo. Vyner, but without success. I will bring Lambert with me on Thursday to prevent the worst; it would be a good medium to set Barber right, who is over-greedy of the reward for executing his office. I have written to Martin to send to Denver, where Barber lives, to prevail for his attendance on Thursday. I hope Mr. Marriott has been with you, as he has gone for London, and promised to attend Lord Arlington. Martin is not inclined to his coming, in respect of the pique between him and Kendall. I have ordered the keeper of Croxton Park to have a brace of does ready for you. [*Ibid. No.* 130.]

Oct. 18. Bristol. Jo. Fitzherbert to Williamson. Several ships have arrived. I have received a letter enclosed from my son, residing at Cadiz, dated 8 Sept., containing news about Algiers and Sally, and the names and lading of several vessels taken by Sally men-of-war.

If you think such accounts worth having, I will order my son to repeat them. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 266, *No.* 131.]

Oct. 18.
Falmouth.
Thos. Holden to Hickes. Twenty merchantmen, bound for the Straits, Portugal, and the Canaries, have left the harbour, but I fear they will be forced back by contrary winds. [*Ibid. No.* 132.]

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Dover.
Jo. Carlile to Williamson. The packets with the mails from France and Flanders have arrived, but I cannot learn any news, only that the death of Lord Douglas is contradicted; 30 sail have put to sea from this harbour. Young Lord Lexington has arrived, with the corpse of his mother, Lady Lexington, and Sir Edw. Fillmore; also Lady Gerrard Bromley, Sir Rich. Temple, and many more. Let me have Thursday's *Gazette*, and the King's speech in Parliament. [*Ibid. No.* 133.]

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Wednesday.
M. De Breval to Williamson. I am ashamed to write you so often, but I hear that in this change of the bishopric of Chichester, there will be a revolution of other places, one of which might suit me. I have told the Bishop of Oxford and Mr. Trevor, so as to facilitate things. You are one of the principal reasons why I incline to the Savoy Church, but I shall not go there in my present uncertainty as to whether the bishops will do for me what I told you. But I should be very glad if the friends of that church would give me 50 pieces; this would not be difficult if you would interest yourself in it. I should only preach there one Sunday a fortnight, that there may be leisure to obtain a pension for me. [*French. This letter is endorsed* 20 *Oct., but dated only Wednesday; the true date is therefore probably* 18 *Oct., which is a Wednesday. Ibid. No.* 134.]

Oct. 19.
The King's speech on the opening of Parliament. I am glad to see you, and hope it will be a happy meeting. I have had great experience of your affection and loyalty, and am very confident of its continuance. It is almost a year and a half since the last sitting, and though my debts have pressed me very much, yet I was unwilling to call for your assistance till this time. What you last gave me was wholly applied to the Navy and extraordinary Fleet, for which it was intended. I desire you will consider my debts. I have something to propose of great importance, concerning the uniting of England and Scotland; but as it will require some time, I have left that and some other things to be opened by the Lord Keeper. [1¼ *pages, in the King's own hand. Printed in Lords' Journals, Vol. XII., p.* 251. *Ibid. No.* 135.]

Oct. 19.
Copy of the above. [1½ *pages. Printed. Ibid. No.* 136.]

Oct. 19.
The Lord Keeper's speech to both Houses of Parliament. [4 *pages. Printed. Ibid. No.* 137; *also in Lords' Journals, XII., p.* 251.]

[Oct. 19.]
Precedents of the proceedings of the Houses of Lords and Commons, in reference to their transactions with the King:—

18 Jan. 1666–7.—A message from the Lords, by Sir John Eyton, Usher of the Black Rod, that the King commanded the Commons to attend him in the House of Lords; the Speaker went up, and on his return, acquainted the House of

the King's reasons for hastening the supply, and for the members going into the country to put the Poll Bill in execution, and that he would prorogue the House on Monday next.

29 Jan. 1667.—A message from the Lords, by Sir Wm. Child and Sir John Coell, that his Majesty will receive the address from both Houses on behalf of the French merchants at 3 p.m.

7 Feb. 1667.—Sec. Morice acquainted the House that the King intended to put an end to the sessions to-morrow morning, and to prorogue Parliament.

8 Feb. and 20 July, 1667. — Messages whereby his Majesty prorogued Parliament.

10 Oct. 1667.—Message by Sir John Eyton, summoning the Commons to attend him in the House of Peers.

15 Oct. 1667.—A message from the Lords, by Sir Nath. Hobart and Mr. Proctor, that the Lords concur with the Commons in the address of thanks to his Majesty, and will go in a body with the Commons therewith to the King, and have sent to him to appoint a time and place.

9 Dec. 1667.—Sec. Morice delivered a message in writing from his Majesty, stating that as Christmas is near, the members should return to their houses, and therefore there is to be an adjournment on 17 December, until the beginning of February.

17 Dec. 1667.—Sec. Morice acquainted the House that his Majesty, taking notice that some Bills requiring a speedy despatch were not yet finished, desired the House to continue its sittings till Tuesday next.

19 Dec. 1667.—Sec. Morice delivered a written message from the King, that 6 February will be a convenient day to which their adjournment may be made.

10 Feb. 1668.—A message from the King by Sir John Eyton, Usher of the Black Rod, commanding the House to attend him in the Lords; the Speaker went up, and on his return, acquainted the House that to prevent mistakes, his Majesty had delivered his speech in writing, which he read.

5 March 1668.—Lord Fitzharding acquainted the House that his Majesty had appointed for the Commons to attend him at 3 p.m. in the Banqueting House, Whitehall.

6 March 1668.—Sec. Morice delivered a message from the King for hastening a supply for building more ships, &c.

30 March 1668.—A message from the Lords, by Sir Justinian Lewin and Sir John Coell, that they have sent down the Act for the better securing of a portion of 5,000*l.* to Lady Frances Savile, infant daughter of Thomas, late Earl of Sussex, out of the estate of James Earl of Sussex. also an infant, in pursuance of the will of the said Thomas Earl of Sussex, to which they desire the concurrence of the Commons.

30 March 1668.—Sec. Morice delivered a message from the King, requesting the House to attend him at Whitehall at 3 p.m.; Mr. Speaker and the members went in a body, when his Majesty said that the season was far spent, and it was high time for setting out a fleet, and therefore conjured the House to finish

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the supply, and despatch the business depending, in order to a recess by Whitsuntide.

13 April 1668.—Lord Fitzharding delivered a message in writing from the King, that as he resolves to put a period to the session on Monday, 4 May, he earnestly reminds them to despatch the business of the supply, and other public concernments.

13 April 1668.—A message from the Lords, by Sir John Coell and Sir Wm. Glascock, that they have agreed to the votes concerning the wearing of English manufacture, and that the King is to be attended therein to-morrow at 3 p.m. at Whitehall, by 12 members from each House.

24 April 1668.—Sec. Morice delivered a message in writing from his Majesty, acquainting them that on 4 May he only intended an adjournment for 3 weeks, and desires that the Bill of Supply may be ready by that time.

4 May 1668.—Sec. Morice reports the King's pleasure that the House should sit a day or two longer, for despatch of business.

8 May 1668.—The House summoned to attend the King in the House of Peers, when they are adjourned to 11 Aug., or longer if they can be spared. With marginal notes about meeting the King, 11 and 19 Oct. 1669. [6 *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 266, *No.* 138.]

Oct. 19. The King to the Parliament of Scotland. We acknowledge the loyalty and ready compliance of our subjects; we much desire to settle union between our kingdoms, and request you, on these and other matters, to give full credence to our Commissioner. [*Printed. Ibid. No.* 139. *Printed in Acts of Parliament of Scotland, as dated* 15 *Sept.* 1669, *Vol. VII., f.* 551.]

[Oct. 19.] Speech of the Earl of Lauderdale, Lord Commissioner. Declares the King's resolution to uphold the Episcopal Church, repress conventicles, and bring their ringleaders to punishment; also to prosecute a closer union between the kingdoms than that brought about by King James, as alone able to settle the contested points about trade, &c.; this union his Majesty will also urge forward in the English Parliament. [4 *pages. Printed. Ibid. No.* 140.]

Oct. 19. Copy of the above. [2½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 141.]

Oct. 19. Edinburgh. Rob. Mein to Williamson. The members of Parliament rode in state from Holyrood House to the Parliament House, where the Lord Commissioner presented the King's letter, and made a speech thereon, expressing great favour to his Majesty's ancient kingdom; declaring his dislike to private conventicles and unlawful meetings, to prevent which some of the silenced ministers are restored; and his determination to uphold the Episcopal Church. The Chancellor then made an excellent speech, and all the members, with lifted hands, took the oath of allegiance, and then subscribed the declaration against the covenant. The members of Articles were then chosen, and a committee appointed, and Parliament was adjourned. The Lord Commissioner entertained the whole members and other persons of quality, with all the ladies in town, at a magnificent supper at Holyrood, "where nothing was wanting that Brittane could affourd." [*Ibid. No.* 142.]

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Oct. 19. Pass for Sir Hugh Cholmley, Bart., one of the Queen's servants, to go to Tangiers. [*Latin. Foreign Entry Book* 11, *p.* 320.]

Oct. 19. Warrant for a grant to John Seymour for 41 years, of the sole privilege of printing and selling 14 works, chiefly classical, named, and also all Greek and Latin grammars, on determination of a grant now in being to the Stationers' Company of London, for printing most of the said books. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 127.]

Oct. 19. Licence for Gaskyn Lowen, servant to George William, Duke of Brunswick and Lunenburg, to transport 4 horses for the use of his said master. Minute. [*Ibid. f.* 128.]

Oct. 19. Cambridge. Wormly Martin to Williamson. I was detained at Thetford through my father's illness, or I should have answered your letters before. I found one of them at Cambridge, whereby I find your willingness to assist me to a preferment. The fellowship of Mr. Hall, a Norfolk man, of Corpus Christi, *alias* Bennet's College, will be void in 6 months, and a *mandamus* thereto will therefore be welcomed by me. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 266, *No.* 143.] *Annexed,*

> *Testimony of Erasmus Lane* [*Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge*], *Sam. Beck, jun., Proctor of the University, and others, to the dissolute and improper conduct of Martin, who endeavours to obtain a fellowship in their college.* [*Ibid. No.* 143I.]

Oct. 19. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. I have been confined to my room 12 days, and am still ill. There have 12 or 14 ships left the harbour for Ireland and 4 other places named, but they have since met with some cruel storms. [*Ibid. No.* 144.]

Oct. 19. The Hulk, Plymouth. John Garratt, boatswain, to the Navy Commissioners. I send an account of disbursements for repairing the hulk, total 62*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.*, which I have received of Mr. Lemon, by your order. [*Ibid. No.* 145.]

Oct. 19. Portsmouth. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. Reynolds, the carver, died 6 weeks since; the widow desired that John Rogers might finish the work on the new ship, against which I have nothing to object; not knowing either of the two named in your letter, I inquired of Capt. Deane, who gave so ill a character of Gerard Christmas, that I cannot advise him; Lewis Allen is unknown to us both. Capt. Deane wishes John Rogers to be the man, and I think you will do well to let him have the place. The master attendant has put the men come down to the new ship *Queen* to the rigging of her, but the storekeeper will deliver no stores, or cloth for sails, unless you send a warrant. [*Ibid. No.* 146.]

Oct. 19. Woolwich. Edw. Byland to the Navy Commissioners. I went to Sir John Austin's to view a parcel of elm timber, 35 loads, and very good; price 38*s.* a load. Let me know your resolution therein; I want also long timber for beams, and clamps for the new ship. [*Ibid. No.* 147.]

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Oct. 19. Demand by Mr. Burroughs of plank for the King's two engines at Chatham. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 266, *No.* 148.]

Oct. 20. Chatham. Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. I fear there must be some mistake as to Clerk's timber served in; particulars of what has been received; he is free that you shall have choice out of 300 trees, and if any prove bad, it must be the fault of the choosers. When Mr. Brunsden comes down, I shall give him the best instructions, and order him to bore at the butt end, to see that there be none rotten or red. There was no mistake in the price of Lewsley's plank; I knew it was extravagant, but being tendered, I thought good to acquaint you; I will tell him it is not to be bought unless he will sell at a lower rate.

I caused the wrecks to be appraised at 20*l.* more than what they were first appraised at; if there were not the forts in hand, which is their hopes of selling plank and timber to the Ordnance officers, hardly any would have taken them for breaking up; there would not have been so much given for them, if we had not ordered some of the officers to be bidders. I will let the pressed men know that they must not expect allowance to go to market any longer.

The *Black Dog* hoy is not yet returned with Mr. Moorecock's timber. I send the appraisement of the *Minion* wreck, which will be put to sale on Tuesday next. There is a small empty house standing on the King's ground near the teamer's house, formerly built by Commissioner Pett in the time of the sickness, for a pest house; if you approve of its being glazed and fitted, it may make two small tenements, and let for 6*l.* or 8*l.* a year. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 149.] *Encloses,*

> *Certificate by Wm. Rand and 3 others, that they have viewed the* Minion, *and judge, with the things mentioned attached to her, she may be worth* 16*l.*—19 *Oct., Chatham.* [*Ibid. No.* 149I.]

Oct. 20. Chatham. Commissioner Thos. Middleton to the Navy Commissioners. Observations on demands for the *Monmouth* yacht, and for a supply of stores required hence for Deptford. Commissioner Cox and I will wait on Sir Roger Twysden to-morrow, to treat about his timber. Ruffhead has come down, and will observe your order. I think you should order nothing for the *Monmouth* yacht, without the captain's hand to the demand. [*Ibid. No.* 150.] *Encloses,*

> *Demand by John Hall of articles required for graving and trimming the* Monmouth *and* York, *within board and without board.*—6 *Oct.* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 150I.]

> *Particulars by Thos. Gosling, boatswain, of necessaries required for the* Monmouth *yacht at Dublin. Cancelled.* [*Ibid. No.* 150II.]

Oct. 20. Capt. Valentine Tatnell to Lord [Brouncker]. I understand that Capt. John Holmes, commander of the *Lenox* yacht, counterfeited a letter of attorney of upward of 50 men's hands, received their pay, and detains most or all of it for his own use; also that he bears 20 more men on his book than ever were aboard, and is going forth

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again in the same vessel. I thought fit to acquaint your lordship, fearing that it might somewhat reflect upon you. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 151.]

Oct. 20. Anonymous paper headed "The Alarum," directed to Mr. Garaway. Like the dumb man who found his tongue when he saw an arm lifted to kill his father, so I, who never meddled with anything beyond my private concernments, being an enemy to knowing, much more to writing, state matters, yet I cannot forbear—when I see my country in danger by the united villainy of so many that conspire against it; when I see that it is become the office of men in power to lay snares for Englishmen's liberties, and the practice of men in trust to betray them, and when all the industry which should be used to maintain the Government is applied to alter it; when I see that the end is resolved, and that they only differ in the means, the only question remaining being whether they are to be enslaved by deceit or violence—from imparting my fears, and the grounds of them, to some of those few English gentlemen whom the corruption of this age has left, who love freedom and hate slavery.

The present counsels go upon these foundations; first, to gain Parliament so that they shall be liberal of their money, and sparing in their grievances, and supply the King, without looking back upon ill conduct, or falling heavy upon the authors of it. If this Parliament fail, it must be dissolved, and a new one chosen; and if that should not answer what is expected from it, force is to be set up, as the last and surest expedient. Money that is wanting to pay wages is found to corrupt members of Parliament. The great instrument of this is Lord Arlington who, besides promises of this or that place, tells out ready money to hirelings, who engage to betray their country for it. He desires the King may be put into a condition not to want Parliaments, knowing they are saucy things, and make bold to inquire both into the faults and the abilities of men in power, and he has just wit enough to be sensible that he cannot bear scrutiny. This poor man is but the sign of a secretary, and can do nothing that belongs to his place but receive the profits of it. To do him right, he loves business no better than business loves him; but he has not yet got 10,000*l.* a year, and till then, he will not leave the box, though he cannot drive, and were he freed from the fear of Parliament, would be as insolent as he is ignorant.

The next in the negotiation is his man Clifford, who has a great mind to be a minister, probably because his father was one. He plays no small game, nor catches at small profits, by which he would seem to neglect his fortune, but it is that he may make it all at once. He sets up to be generous, by being free of the King's wine at his table, and of his money in the Treasury; but don't mistake the man, he has too much ambition and too little money to be content. If things succeed as he has laid them, he will throw off Lord Arlington's livery, and set up for himself; but in order to do this, the great work of cheating the Parliament must be carried on, in which he neither spares his own pains, nor the King's money; it is worth observing how he behaves when anything concern-

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ing Lord Sandwich comes in question, what part he had had with him in the miscarriage, or should have had in the plunder of Bergen. If force is adopted, he will be no small man, as a great part of the military model of government will be left to him, and as he loves absolute power, he whispers it to the King.

Lord Ashley is knavery bound up in little, the very abridgment of villainy, and the world calls him an ingenious man, which I suppose is because he is not hanged. He is said to understand the King's revenue, and no wonder, for he has a share in every farm.

Sir Thos. Littleton was an angry man against the Court until silenced by a good place, and is now content that everything should be let alone, having got what he grumbled for. He thinks the King ought to be supplied, and his ministers saved, and if anybody is disposed to betray trust, and vote against conscience, he will conceive they do exceeding well in it.

The King is still believed, in spite of the ill conduct of his ministers, and although he has mis-spent some money, the nation only desires that they who have made so fair a progress towards his ruin may not be suffered to finish it; that Parliament will show the nation they can do something besides giving away their money, will relieve the King from his wants, rescue him from his ministers, and remember that they owe something to those who chose them. Endorsed by Williamson, "A Libel scattered in Westminster Hall, 20 Oct. 1669, at the meeting of Parliament." [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 266, *No.* 152.]

Oct. 20. Whitehall. Order in Council, on petition of Col. John Rumsey and Major Edward Trelawney—that they served 7 years in the Portugal war with reputation and honour, but were recalled a year since, and have spent their own money, and what their friends could supply, waiting for vacant commands, though all others who served with them in Portugal are provided for, and begging an allowance till they gain employment—that the Treasury Commissioners settle on them a fitting allowance out of the Queen's portion as it comes in, till they are provided for. Endorsed, "The King grants they shall have 200*l.* a year, as Lord Ashley reports." [*Ibid. No.* 153.]

Oct. 20. Licence for the Ambassador of the King of Denmark to send back thither a coach, 12 horses, and 20 or 25 couple of hounds, which he brought over. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 127.]

Oct. 20. Warrant to the Ordnance Commissioners to pay from moneys arising from the sale of unserviceable ordnance 328*l.* 10*s.* to Edw. Sherburne, clerk of the Ordnance, they having reported on his petition that the said sum is due to him, for his patent fee of 2*s.* a day, which he has not received since the Restoration. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 26, *f.* 67.]

Oct. 20. Reference to the Attorney-General of a petition, name omitted, that a *nolle prosequi* may be entered on the petitioner's behalf. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 72.]

Oct. 20. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Hickes. We had a great storm on the 18th, when a Hamburgher, laden with masts for the French King, was washed away near the Lizard, but all the men saved except one.

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The *St. Andrew* with fish for Havre de Grace, a Frenchman with coals from Wales, the *St. John* of Weymouth, and several others, have arrived, and report that they met much wreck at sea. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 266, *No.* 154.]

Oct. 20. Falmouth. Same to Williamson. To the like effect; also 20 merchantmen have left the harbour, bound for the Straits, Portugal, the Canaries, and Genoa. [*Ibid. No.* 155.]

Oct. 20. London. James Hickes to Rob. Francis. Thanks for sending me the King's speech. [*Ibid. No.* 156.]

Oct. 21. Grant to Sir Edw. Hungerford, Sir John Robinson, and 4 others —who have undertaken an expedition to Hudson's Bay for discovery of a new passage into the South Sea, and for finding trade in furs, minerals, &c., which may be advantageous to the kingdom—of the seas, straits, bays, rivers, lakes, creeks, &c., within the entrance of Hudson's Straits, with all the lands, lakes, rivers, &c., within the confines thereof, not now occupied by the subjects of any other Christian Prince; granting them the sole commerce of the said places, all mines and minerals, and royal and other fishing there. To be held as of the manor of East Greenwich, on rent of 2 elks and 2 black beavers yearly. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 128.]

Oct. [21 ?] Mandate by Sir George Vyner, Bart., sheriff of Norfolk, to the Mayor of Thetford, enclosing the King's brief for election of a new burgess, in place of the late Sir Wm. Gawdy, Bart., and directing that the election should take place without delay, and that he should be immediately informed of the result, that he might report it to the King. [*Latin. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 266, *No.* 157.]

Oct. 21. Letter Office. A. Ellis to Williamson. I knew nothing of your journey to Thetford until yesterday; if you kept it private through fear that I should cross your election, you are an unkind man. I have not been able to obtain an answer to any of my letters to the Thetford postmaster, as to settling the post office, and I hope you will have him before you, and see the post house settled. This you can hardly deny, seeing it is Lord Arlington's affair. I wonder which way you could get to Thetford without passing our quarters, where you have so many servants; I hope you will have no cause to repent your journey.

To-day the House [of Commons] has been on the subject of the Lords' jurisdiction, and one of the members advised an adjournment from day to day, till the Lords had erased all their proceedings against the East India Company; this reminds me of the Romans, when they disputed with the Fathers for magistracy, and gained ground on every argument. The reputation of Lord Ormond increases so much amongst the Commons that the torrent begins to turn, or at least, to lose much of its violence. M. Richard has returned to Paris, finding the sea too tempestuous; Thos. Lloyd and several others were starved at sea between Holland and England, from not taking sufficient provisions with them. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 158.]

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Oct. 21. Whitehall. Rob. Francis to Williamson. I have read the *Gazette*, and the letters from France to Lord [Arlington], and I enclose them to you, having prepared extracts for Mr. Ford. The Lords have adjourned till Monday, and Lord Arlington keeps the office, being now at Whitehall, where Mr. Treasurer comes to lodge to-morrow or Saturday. I delivered Sir Hugh Cholmondeley's pass, and Mr. Cary and Lord St. John's bills, and received the fees. I waited on Lady Katherine, and expect some letters from her for you and the Duke of Richmond. Lady Thomond and the rest of the ladies present their service, and Madame Cave expects a special express, according to your promise. Mr. Perrott wishes to retain the print of this last post from Paris, in case it is required. [1¾ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 266, *No.* 159.]

[Oct. 21.] Verses on the visit paid by Jos. Williamson to Thetford. [*Latin*, 24 *lines hexameters and pentameters. Ibid. No.* 159A.]

Oct. 21. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. No news except damage done by the overflowing of the great springs, during the late storm. [*Ibid. No.* 160.]

Oct. 21. Court at Whitehall. Reference to the Lord Chief Justice of King's Bench of the petition for a reprieve of Hen. Beverley, condemned for horse-stealing. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 73.]

Oct. 21. Pass for 10 horses for the Duke of Guise. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 173.]

Oct. 21. The King to the Master and Senior Fellows of Trinity Hall, Cambridge. We recommend for a fellowship now void in your college Fras. Coell, who had a letter in his favour 20 June 1668, but consented to give it up, on account of a former letter in behalf of Suetonius Parry, who is now placed. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 19, *p.* 111.]

[Oct. 21.] Draft of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 266, *No.* 161.]

Oct. 21. Victualling Office. Sir Denis Gauden to the Navy Commissioners. I remember that I assured his Royal Highness I would take order with Sir Thos. Clutterbuck at Leghorn, to supply the ships with what victuals they should call for, which I have taken care of; but for providing victuals at Cadiz, I gave no assurance, well knowing that it could not be done there but by sending them from other parts, and therefore I desire further order. [*Ibid. No.* 162.]

Oct. 21. Deptford. Jonas Shish to Thos. Hayter. The broom lying on the wharf at Upper Deptford belongs to Mr. Swan, and is 15 per cent. better than that now delivering into the stores. Pray let Mr. Mayors view them both. [*Ibid. No.* 163.]

Oct. 21. Portsmouth. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. I send a petition of Mrs. Timbrell, for her late husband's place of anchor smith, and desire you will present it to his Royal Highness; she is more fit to undertake the business than her late husband was. [*Ibid. No.* 164.]

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Oct. 21. Portsmouth. Same to the Same. I will procure such materials as are wanting, and may be had in these parts, at the cheapest rates I can, presuming that the Treasurers will make good my obligation to the merchants. The *Merlin* yacht came in very leaky, and out of victuals; I ordered her on shore; she is off again, and this morning has taken in a month's provisions; I have given Mr. Wren an account of this. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 266, *No.* 165.]

Oct. 21. Rye. Edmond Harris, Mayor of Rye, to the Navy Commissioners. I want an order to sell part of a cable formerly belonging to the *St. Andrew,* which was saved by a Hastings man; what sum will you allow to the salver thereof? I spent 10*s.* in buoy rope to recover the rest; but lying so long, it is only fit to be picked for oakum. Shall I sell it by inch of candle? Pray mind at last about the money long since allowed me, for my disbursements about the *St. Andrew* and *Happy Return.* [*Ibid. No.* 166.]

Oct. 21. Note by R. Mayors, purveyor, that he bought 38 loads of elm and oak timber at Deptford, of John Tomling, at 46*s.* 6*d.* a load. [*Ibid. No.* 167.]

Oct. 22. Chatham. Col. Thos. Middleton and Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. If Mr. Clerk comes over as promised, we shall send Mr. Brunsden with him to view the trees tendered. We shall discourse with the teamer about the pest house, but fear there may be as great an illconveniency in his having it, as you apprehend there may be in any others having it; we will take the best course.

We could not agree with Sir Roger Twysden about his timber, he now asking 45*s.* a ton; and we could not bring him lower than 42*s.*, he affirming that Mason had proffered 41*s.*; he has given us a week to consider; we left Mason with him, so that if you do not accept, Mason will, and we must then, if you will have it, buy it of him. We have sent Mr. Brunsden to Maidstone and Mill Hall, to see what large timber and knees he can find, fit for the new ship. [*Ibid. No.* 168.] *Enclose,*

> *Terms upon which Middleton and Cox agree, to be proffered to Sir Roger Twysden for the purchase of his timber.* [*Ibid. No.* 168I.]

Oct. 22. Swansea. John Man to Williamson. The late storms have had some ill effects in these parts. A ketch of Plymouth, the *Cherubim* of Barnstaple, and a trow of Swansea were forced on the banks at the other side of the river, where two of them went to pieces, but their men got on to the other, with the aid of a rope, and so saved themselves and their stock. I expect the trow will come off the next spring tide, as she has endured the brunt, and is a strong vessel. We heard of more disasters westward, but not the particulars. [*Ibid. No.* 169.]

Oct. 22. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. Do not expect many lines, as I am so ill. Three Yarmouth and several London vessels outward bound have put in by foul weather. A Dutchman who has lost his masts, and

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2 ships of Plymouth, have arrived from Barbadoes with wines and prunes. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 266, *No.* 170.]

[Oct. 22.] Edinburgh. Answer of the Scottish Parliament to the King. We cheerfully concur in all your wishes, and especially in that of bringing about a closer union between the kingdoms. We are willing to appoint commissioners to treat thereon, reserving the final approbation to Parliament, and offer to your Majesty the nomination of the commissioners. We will give cheerful obedience to Lord Commissioner Lauderdale. [1¼ *pages. Ibid. No.* 171. *Printed in Acts of Parliament of Scotland, Vol. VII., p.* 552.]

Oct. 22. Copy of the above. [4 *pages. Printed. Ibid. No.* 172.]

Oct. [22.] Edinburgh. News-letter. On the 19th, the Lord High Constable, the Earl of Errol, sat in the Parliament House, to welcome the members as they alighted. About 11 a.m., the Lord Chancellor and [George Keith] Earl Marshal, with the purse and mace, and 6 trumpeters, came as usual to see all in readiness, and receive the Lord Commissioner. Description of his procession, the Earl of Mar carrying the sword, the Earl of Argyle the sceptre, and the Marquis of Douglas the crown before him. The road was lined with citizens in arms. As he entered the Parliament House, the castle guns fired. He took the chair of state, and the regalia being laid on the table before him, the Bishop of Dumblane [Rob. Leighton] prayed. The King's letter was then read, and the Lord Commissioner and Lord Chancellor spoke to second it. The commissions of shires and boroughs were received, and doubtful ones referred for examination. The nobility then chose 8 bishops, the bishops 8 nobles, and those 16 chose 8 knights and 8 burgesses who, with the officers of State, make up the Lords of Articles, to prepare business for Parliament. The answer to the King's speech has been twice read and debated, and is passed and printed. [1¼ *pages. Ibid. No.* 173.]

Oct. 23. Edinburgh. Rob. Mein to Williamson. Parliament met again, and after much dispute, concluded that there should be an Union between England and Scotland, and that the King should nominate commissioners to treat thereon, and the place of treaty; it was then adjourned till Tuesday. [*Ibid. No.* 174.]

Oct. 23. The *Resolution.* Sir Thos. Allin to Williamson. Until 14 October, we so curbed the Algerines that few or none of them durst venture to sea; but I was forced off that coast, and separated from my fleet, by a hard gale, and have now only 4 men-of-war and a ketch with me. Standing in close to the Mole of Algiers, I found that 4 sail had got out, and thereupon sent 3 men-of-war, with the ketch, to watch their motions, and secure our trade along the coast of Spain; I am going to Port Mahon in Minorca—being the place designed for cleaning and repairing our ships—to put our affairs in order. I fear we shall find the Governors there "severe in point of pratique," as they have already refused it to Sir Edw. Spragg's ketch. I have written very often to Sir Wm. Godolphin about it, and he gives hopes that all will be well.

I met a prize on the 19th, going to Algiers, which we cut off from the town, and forced the men to leave her; but they first fired the ship; after her masts were burnt down, our men went on board, quenched the fire, and saved "a parcel of poor jack," which I distributed amongst our ships, and appointed shares for those absent. The prize was one of our Newfoundland men, who venture all to get the first market. Send me a little news, as after 2 months on this coast, and being in expectation of many months more on the seas, it will be refreshing. [1¼ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 266, *No.* 175.]

Oct. 23. The *Resolution*, Algiers Bay. Sir Thos. Allin to the Navy Commissioners. I must complain of the victualler's agents in the Thames and at Portsmouth; 28 butts are certified by Sir John Harman to have quite leaked out, the casks being old, new wrought, and my purser is 23 tuns of beer short for his 3 months' beverage; Sir Edw. Spragg has lost near the same quantity. I was forced to send all the fireships and 2 men-of-war to the coast of Spain, for water and beverage wine, or we must have gone off the coast of Algiers, and suffered the Turks' fleet to go clean out, to the great prejudice of our nation. I had to supply pursers with wine out of contingent money in hand.

Gascoigne, the victualler's agent at Tangier, would only pay half the sum for the 3 months' beverage wine, but that would not satisfy me, knowing how basely he used me the last time I had credit upon him; so I informed him he must either pay me so much money or go with me to sea; rather than do that, he paid my agent the money in light pistoles at 4 dollars apiece, which is a loss in every pistole of 2*s.* 6*d.*

The seamen complain for want of clothes, and fall daily by agueish distempers, many being pressed men, who brought no more than is on their backs. Some of the ships are out of victuals, and others nearly so; but you will have their complaints by Sir Edw. Spragg, who with 4 ships left us 10 days ago. The *Nonsuch* in a hard gale carried her foremast by the board close to the deck, and cut all away. I have sent her to Port Mahon, but I fear there is no mast fit for her there. I hope, if you send victuals, you will also send 2 or 3 masts. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 176.]

Oct. 23. Portsmouth. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. I freely subscribe to your opinion that such as have spent most time in his Majesty's service should be preferred before others of like abilities, and for your better satisfaction, I have sent the enclosed. John Rogers served Mr. Leadman, carver for Deptford and Woolwich, and has spent his whole time in his Majesty's service there and at Chatham. [*Ibid. No.* 177.] *Encloses,*

> *Capt. Ant. Deane and* 2 *others to the Navy Commissioners. We recommend John Rogers as carver, in the place of Mr. Reynolds, deceased. We judge him fitter for the employment than those who have petitioned, one being to our knowledge utterly unfit, and the other a stranger to our affairs.—Portsmouth,* 18 *Oct.* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 177I.]

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Woolwich.

Edw. Byland to the Navy Commissioners. What I did as to Sir John Austin's timber was clearly for his Majesty's service; I confess we have no urgent occasion for it, but another such bargain will scarcely be found. It is a very unseasonable time of the year to lay a ship's deck with green timber; if dry plank can possibly be had, it will be far better. I have laid a stop on Sir John's timber, or it would be immediately gone on my refusal. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 266, *No.* 178.]

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Lyme.

Ant. Thorold to Hickes. The *Windsor* and *Elizabeth* of Lyme have arrived from St. Malo, with canvas and other goods, and report that there was a proclamation out there, calling home all the subjects of the French King within 6 months, on pain of death; also an order for pressing carpenters, and for prohibiting the import of drapery from Holland, and that they spoke of doing the same as to England. They also heard of Sir Thos. Allin taking 2 Algiers men-of-war of 30 and 40 guns. They touched at Guernsey on their way home, and found the place in good equipage, and such a great quantity of cider made this year, that they have refused any wines being brought to them from France. I expect my [news]-letter, having received but one. [*Ibid. No.* 179.]

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Milford.

John Powell to Hickes. The *Roebuck,* commanded by Capt. Liddell, the *John and Mary* of London, with pilchards from Plymouth for the Straits, and a French vessel with coals for France, who lost her masts at sea through the storm, have arrived. Pray forward a letter enclosed, and I will pay the postage of that, and others formerly sent, on demand. [*Ibid. No.* 180.]

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Same to Williamson. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 181.]

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Hull.

Charles Whittington to Williamson. Three Hull vessels have arrived from Holland, and report a great storm of wind on Sunday last, which brought the sea with such rage into the Texel, that a vessel laden with stuffs and cloth from Holland was cast away on Fugell Sand, as were also several other vessels riding in the Texel, one being bound for the East Indies. A Newcastle vessel lost all its masts, and for greater security, heaved much of the lead and cloth overboard.

Four vessels of London were driven back into the Texel from Yarmouth Sands, and still remain there. I hear from Bridlington that 4 laden colliers were cast away on this coast. The fury of the storm has driven the water into Amsterdam, and done much damage to the warehouses and cellars of the merchants. The *Relief* of Hull, laden with flax from the East, has put in to stop a leak. I have provided you a barrel of excellent ale; how shall it be sent? [*Ibid. No.* 182.]

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Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. There is no news to send. [*Ibid. No.* 183.]

Oct. 25.
Thetford.

John Kendall to Williamson. The enclosure must speak for itself; I leave the rest to your wisdom. If the Lord Lieutenant

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[of Norfolk] is not consulted about the postmastership, it will not be well taken, as it is within his jurisdiction. [*S.P. Dom, Car. II.* 266, *No.* 184.] *Annexing,*

> *Petition of Martha, relict of John Warner, late postmaster of Thetford, to Williamson, M.P. for Thetford. My husband was postmaster for a long time, and met his death by falling into the river on a dark night, when returning home with Lord Arlington's letters, which were found next day in his pocket. I have carried on the office since his death, to the good liking of Lord Townshend, the Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk, "for whose letters especially that pipe was erected"; as it is the sole subsistence of myself and* 4 *children, I desire I may continue to do so, according to my contract and agreement, having, with consent of the Lord Lieutenant, made a contract with the present postmaster to hold it till Michaelmas; it is the general desire of the Mayor, burgesses, and commonalty, as is testified by their affixing the corporate seal to my petition.* [*Ibid. No.* 184I.]

Oct. 25. Thetford. Representation of Rob. Tyrrell, Mayor, and the burgesses and commonalty of Thetford, to Sir Allen Apsley and Jos. Williamson, their two burgesses in Parliament. Notwithstanding the Act of Oblivion, our charter is not yet renewed, and we conceive that neither ourselves nor our proceedings are safe without it; we request the speedy effecting thereof, and power for the corporation to add or alter such clauses as may be deemed necessary.

Our corporation comprehends part of Norfolk and part of Suffolk for its boundary, and that part of Thetford which lies in Suffolk, during the rebellion and for 7 or 8 years before the Restoration, paid all duties, &c., to that part of Thetford which lies in Norfolk. We beg to be restored to our former rights and immunities, either by some clause in an Act of Parliament, or in our charter, so that there may be no dispute for the future, and that all subsequent payments and duties which shall be imposed upon the Suffolk side in Thetford, as well as on Thetford in Norfolk, may be paid to Thetford in Norfolk, as if that part lay in Norfolk.

By reason of such payment of taxes to Suffolk, by that part of Thetford lying in Suffolk, and not to Norfolk, an arrear of 200*l.* has been laid upon the latter, and a suit is depending in the Exchequer, between Thetford in Suffolk and Thetford in Norfolk, as to payment of the arrears; this is of many years' standing, and the persons liable having removed or died, Thetford in Norfolk is condemned to pay, if they show no cause to the contrary during this term. This condemnation has crept in upon us through the ill management of those we trusted, and not having the money, we ask a hearing *de novo* of the whole matter, at the Exchequer or in Parliament, proceedings to be stayed in the Exchequer meantime.

From time out of mind, Thetford has been the place for loading and unloading commodities from the upper countries to our borough, and from thence to divers counties down the stream,

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such as Cambridge, Huntingdon, Bedford, Lincoln, &c., to the great advantage of our poor corporation, and the maintenance of its inhabitants; but divers parts of our channel are rendered unnavigable by accumulation of sand, and have become useless; we therefore request an Act of Parliament empowering us to cleanse it, so as to revive former advantages, and granting that all future benefits arising therefrom may be settled upon our corporation in perpetuity. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 266, *No.* 185. *See infra,* 8 *Nov., Povey to Williamson.*]

Oct. 25. Lyme. Ant. Thorold to Hickes. The *Concord* of Lyme, from Rotterdam, reports a continuance of their fears as to a war with France; the Dutch have put a higher duty upon French wine and brandy imported. I have not received the news-letters promised. [*Ibid. No.* 186.]

Oct. 25. Pendennis. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. A vessel with oil, bound for Dartmouth, has arrived from Portugal; also one from France with fruit, wine, and vinegar, 6 or 7 Frenchmen laden with salt for France, and several others. Earnly, master of a ship from the Straits bound for London, says that Sir Thos. Allin has proclaimed war with Algiers. A Dane laden with deals has been cast away at the Lizard, and 2 men drowned. [*Ibid. No.* 187.]

Oct. 25. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Hickes. The *Freedom* of London has arrived from Malaga, laden with salt, and says the vineyards there are spoilt by the rain, so that there will be little wine or fruit this year. The *Virgin* of Weymouth, and others with wine from Bordeaux, report that there will not be so much wine made there as formerly; another from Nantes mentions a good vintage there. [*Ibid. No.* 188.]

Oct. 25. The King to the Commissioners appointed for the funeral of the Queen Mother. In addition to the 3,000*l.* which you were to authorise Sir Thos. Bond to expend, 1,000*l.* is to be paid by him to Walter Montague, Lord Almoner of the said Queen, to be disposed of in alms and charitable uses, according to her pious intentions; the same to be repaid him, with interest at 6 per cent., on his producing the warrants and receipts. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, *f.* 36.]

Oct. 25. Whitehall. Order granting the petition of Humphrey Wiggan, and other executors of the late Jas. Pitt, in trust for the performance of some charitable uses bequeathed by him, for a commission of review of a sentence obtained against them, the Lord Keeper's report being in their favour. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 74.]

Oct. 25. Note of several bills brought before the House of Commons. [*See Commons' Journals, Vol. IX. p.* 100.] Also that a bill settling the jurisdiction between the two Houses was reported, read, and to be read again to-morrow. Also that the Commissioners of Accounts attended with their report, as was appointed. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 266, *No.* 189.]

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Chatham.

Col. Thos. Middleton and Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. We send the lowest rates we can bring John Ruffhead to, and leave them to your consideration. Course must be taken to send down knees for the new ship, as these parts will not afford 10 loads, unless some may be found in Sir Roger Twysden's timber. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 266, *No.* 190.] *Enclose,*

John Ruffhead's particulars of prices at which he can make some new anchors; the money to be paid on delivery. [*Ibid. No.* 190I.]

Oct. 26.
Portsmouth.

Commissioner John Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. Having considered the rates you give for small masts, I doubt of Mr. Newland's tender; his demand was more than double the price, but if you would have them bought, I shall endeavour to keep him to his promise. I cannot say the blocks are wanted at present, there being no ships preparing for sea. I paid the shipwrights yesterday, and intend to pay the ordinary and workmen to-day; by paying in the afternoon, the King saves half a day. Mr. Jones, the solicitor, is dead, so you should send for the papers he brought from hence. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 1.] *Encloses,*

Demand by Tippetts of 1,401*l.* 9*s.* 3*d. for procuring stores mentioned, required in the yard for carrying on the works there as specified.—Portsmouth,* 26 *Oct.* 1669. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 1I.]

Oct. 26.
Deptford.

Jonas Shish to the Navy Commissioners. I want a warrant to repair the *Assurance,* she being in the dry dock and ready for the work. [*Ibid. No.* 2.]

Oct. 26.
Newcastle.

Hum. Pibus to the Navy Commissioners. Thanks for your procuring me an order for payment of 84*l.* 5*s.* 7*d.* in part of my debt; I hope the rest will be shortly paid. I have authorised Wm. Robinson, merchant, to wait on you and give a discharge for it. [*Ibid. No.* 3.]

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The King to the Treasury Commissioners. We have determined to settle upon the Queen Consort, in full of her jointure, 40,000*l.* a year from the Exchequer and Duchy of Lancaster, of which 22,875*l.* 11*s.* 11*d.* is already granted, but 17,124*l.* 8*s.* 1*d.* is yet unpassed. To complete the grant, you are to make out particulars of such lands, &c., as you think fitting, which were settled by our royal father on our late dear mother for life, allowing 2 per cent. for decayed rents, repairs, &c. As there are fee-farm rents in London which cannot be paid because of the late dismal fire, you are to grant her other lands of like value; these are to be settled on her trustees for her use for life, and a grant prepared accordingly. With note of a like order, *mutatis mutandis,* to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.—29 Oct. 1669. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, *f.* 87.]

Oct. 26.
Court at
Whitehall.

Reference to the Treasury Commissioners of the petition of the Earl of Mulgrave, for a grant in fee-farm of the reversion in fee of the manors of Mulgrave and Seaton, Yorkshire, on the former rent of 90*l.* a year. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 74.]

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Oct. 26. Petition of Benj. Waller, of Great Yarmouth, to the King and Council, that an end may be put to the cause between him and Peter Salmon by a final hearing, the Attorney-General having given in his report; the suit has already cost petitioner 100*l.* [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 4.]

Oct. 26. Paris. Sir Thos. Orby to Williamson. I am ashamed to trouble you again, but I want the stewardship of Crowland; as I have the manor of Crowland, it was more proper for me, but Sir Edw. Walpole had it, to my prejudice, and he being now dead, no courts can be kept there, unless his Majesty grants a patent for the stewardship. [*Damaged. Ibid. No.* 5.]

Oct. 26. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The Queen's ship, built here by contract by Capt. Deane, is to be launched next Thursday by him. Sir Phil. Honeywood still continues very ill. The workmen at the dock have had a month's pay. [*Ibid. No.* 6.]

Oct. 26. Yarmouth. L. B[ower] to Williamson. A ship with deals, and a flyboat with pitch, tar, and iron, have been lost on Newark Sands, off Yarmouth, and two men and a boy drowned. [*Ibid. No.* 7.]

Oct. 26. Account of the ships lately put into the harbour of Kinsale: the *Brewster* of Dublin, bound for the Straits, come to lade pilchards; 2 Bristol ships come to lade beef and pork for the West Indies; the *George* of London; and the *Seaflower* of Cork, bound home, laden with tobacco, sugar, and indigo from the West Indies. [*Ibid. No.* 8.]

Oct. 26. Receipt by W. Chiffinch, closet keeper, for 10,000*l.* received from Wm. Bucknall of London, for the service of his Majesty, for repayment of which, out of the revenue in Ireland, Bucknall is to receive letters patent under the Great Seal. [*Copy. Ibid. No.* 9.]

Oct. 27. Milford. John Powell to Williamson. The *Roebuck*, commanded by Capt. Liddell, has sailed. A vessel arrived at Tenby with some Irish sheep, but on the officers preparing to go aboard to seize her—the transportation of sheep from Ireland being prohibited—they weighed anchor, and shot with pistols at the officers, who were forced to desist. [*Ibid. No.* 10.]

Oct. 27. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Hickes. I hear by vessels from Bordeaux, that many of the Dutch ships which went there for wine have left without any, on account of the great tax put upon it in Holland. The skipper of a ship from Ostend for Ireland says there is a report in Ostend, that the French King will yield up his late conquest in Flanders, and also Dunkirk, to the custody of the Spaniards, on condition that the King of Spain will permit him to carry an army at any time through his dominions. Pray send me the King and Lord Keeper's speeches. [*Ibid. No.* 11.]

Oct. 27. Falmouth. Same to Williamson. To the same effect, and that of his letter to Hickes of 25 Oct. [*Ibid. No.* 12.]

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Oct. 27.
The *Resolution*, Port Mahon.

Sir Thos. Allin to Williamson. On the 26th I had a fair wind, which carried me into this port, where I found Sir Edw. Spragg, with the *Constant Warwick*, *Foresight*, *Welcome* and *Orange* fireships, and the *Portsmouth* ketch, who were all separated from us by bad weather on the coast of Barbary. We were civilly received by the Governors of the island and fort, and had pratique given immediately, though those of our ships that came first were denied it the first 10 days. The harbour is as safe and convenient for careening as can be, but if our own stores run short or defective, the country affords no supply. Sir Edw. Spragg, by whom I send this, is going to his station westward with his division, consisting of the *Constant Warwick*, *Welcome* fireship, and *Plymouth* ketch. I hope in 3 days to send out the *Nonsuch*, *Milford*, and *Pearl*, well fitted and clean, to join Capt. Clerk at his station on the coast of Spain, to whom I will give directions to spread as much as they can on the sea. I hope to put to sea myself in a few days with the *Portland*, *Foresight*, *Little Victory* and *Orange* fireships. [*With the letter of Oct.* 23, *No.* 175, *supra.*]

Oct. 27.

Petition of Major John Haselwood to the Treasury Commissioners, for a grant of the concealed personal estate and effects belonging to Sir Arthur Hesilrigg, Bart., at the time of his death, and forfeited to his Majesty by the Act for pains and penalties; presents a schedule of the said estate, lest it should be thought he intended to surprise his Majesty in the value or quantity. Was promised a gratuity for services to his Majesty and the late King, and has lately made a discovery of these goods. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 13.] *Annexing,*

Schedule of the goods, &c., of *Sir Arthur Hesilrigg at the time of his decease ; furniture, hay and corn, horses and cattle, agricultural implements,* 37 *old books, some of them in folio, &c., the total of which are estimated not to exceed in value* 600*l.* [*Ibid. No.* 13i.]

Warrant for a grant to the petitioner of the said estate and effects. [*Draft. Ibid. No.* 13ii.]

Oct. 27.

Constitution of Sir John Walpole to be Commissioner for Appeals and regulating the duty of excise; allowance, 200*l.* a year. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 97.]

Oct. 27.

Warrant to pay to Sir Thos. Osborne and Sir Thos. Littleton, Commissioners for the office of Navy Treasurer, 150,000*l.* for the use of the Navy. [*Ibid.*]

Oct. 27.
Whitehall.

Warrant to the Ordnance Commissioners to deliver to the Earl of Winchelsea, Lord Lieutenant of Kent, 40 cases of pistols, breast-plates, &c., which were left at Ashford on the disbanding of some horse; to be laid up where they may be most ready for service in that county. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 130.]

Oct. 27.

Warrant to Sir Francis Masham, Bart., to preserve the game within 6 miles of High Laver, co. Essex. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

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Oct. 27.
Victualling Office.

Sir Denis Gauden to the Navy Commissioners. Not having obtained the final determination of the Treasury Commissioners, on the accounts referred to them by his Majesty in Council, I have not been able to represent properly what I have disbursed; but I send the state of my disbursements, lest I may suffer for want of laying that and other things before you. I have been, and still am, under great difficulty to preserve myself from ruin, by these disbursements, and the provisions sent to the Barbadoes in the time of the war, which amount to 23,000*l.*; I shall not be able to contend much longer, unless I receive some satisfaction. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 14.]

Oct. 27.
Chatham.

Col. Thos. Middleton to the Navy Commissioners. I will send a man to mark out what timber of Mr. Mason's is fit for present use, and he will bring the least price. I am of your opinion concerning the teamer and the house; it is far better to have one knave that he knows live near a man, than 2 or 3 that he knows not; besides, the teamer has more reason to have it than any other man.

I wish you had given me a positive order about Sir Roger Twysden's timber, because I would do in it as if for myself, and the bargain would be much to the King's advantage. Brunsden cannot meet with any knees except what Mason has. Ruffhead is gone to London; if you do not make an agreement with him before he returns, I and Commissioner Cox will do what we can. You will not do amiss to treat with some other, to see how the market stands, albeit I would give him 5*s.* per cwt. more than any other, unless it be the King's smith at Deptford; I believe that such anchors as we require are not to be made by any other man in England, and there are 30 anchors wanted for the new ship and others. [2¼ *pages. Ibid. No.* 15.]

Oct. 28.
Drury Lane.

Earl of Anglesey to the Navy Commissioners. Finding you failed to sit upon my account of the Navy, I entreat that a speedy day may be appointed to go on with it. You only allow one day in the week, and if that be not punctually observed, I shall be long before I am discharged of my account. [*Ibid. No.* 16.]

Oct. 28.
Deptford.

Jonas Shish to the Navy Commissioners. I doubt not but you will hasten the purveyor for sending in such knees as shall be fit; let 20 calkers be entered for a month, for calking the *London.* [*Ibid. No.* 17.]

Oct. 28.
Chatham.

Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. I attended the firing of 2 chests on the wrecks to be blown up, which did very good execution, and hope to fire 2 more on Saturday. I put the *Minion* up to sale, but there being no buyers, she was not sold. I want one cwt. of twine for the sail makers. Mr. Brunsden reports that Mr. Clerk's timber is not of the dimensions he said it was, and is employed at several places to see what may be had for the new ship. [*Ibid. No.* 18.] *Enclosing,*

Particulars of the quantity and price of Capt. Pyend's fir timber. [*Ibid. No.* 18I.]

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Oct. 28.
Woolwich.

W. Bodham to [Wm. Acworth]. Mr. Hales has had 22 tons odd, and what remains is guessed at a ton. I think it not worth your further delay, as we have use for it; I need not stand much for your hand, having such ample testimony. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 19.]

Oct. 28.
Chatham Dock.

Rob. Sliter to [the Navy Commissioners]. Proposals for working out old junk, &c., into twice-laid cordage, at Chatham, at from 3*s.* 6*d.* to 4*s.* 6*d.* per cwt., they finding tools and materials. [*Ibid. No.* 20.]

Oct. 28.
The *Resolution*, Port Mahon.

Sir Thos. Allin to the Navy Commissioners. Repetition of his letter of Oct. 23, but dated Oct. 24; adding: On the 24th, Capt. Hart being very leaky, we resolved, at a council of war, to send him up, and that I should go with him, to see how our affairs stood here, which I find very bad, no supplies or workmen to be had, and no tar, though 8 ships need careening; if it is his Majesty's pleasure that we should continue upon this coast, there must be a supply of all stores and victuals immediately. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 21.]

Oct. 28.
Victualling Office.

Sir Denis Gauden to Pepys. I do not know how your concerns will admit of your attendance to-morrow, and I am obliged to attend elsewhere; but being unwilling to lose any opportunity of putting an end to those accounts that lie before their lordships or elsewhere, if it suits you, I shall attend. [*Ibid. No.* 22.] *Encloses,*

> *Sir George Downing to Sir Denis Gauden and Sam. Pepys. The Treasury Commissioners desire your attendance on Friday at* 9 *a.m. about Sir Denis Gauden's Toulon and Lent accounts.—Treasury Chambers,* 27 *Oct.* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 22I.]

Oct. 28.
Dover.

Jo. Carlile to Williamson. His Majesty's yacht *Henrietta* has left the harbour for Boulogne or St. Valery, and carries over Sir Hugh Cholmley and his lady, both of whom have been detained at Dover 4 days by contrary winds. It was Sir Hugh's bad fortune to lodge at the tavern of Le Forte, a Frenchman, whose wife miscarried, and is since dead, it is supposed of the contagion, by reason that she died with a swelling under her arm. We hope it is nothing infectious, as ten people, all in good health, are now shut up in the house. [*Ibid. No.* 23.]

Oct. 28.
St. Mawes Castle.

Lewes Tremayne to Fras. Godolphin, London. I hear that a Dutch ship of 500 tons, laden with masts, deals, and provisions for the French King's fleet, was cast away near the Lizard last Monday. Capt. Collings went to the place, and found the ship rifled, and a bargain pretended to be made between the master and some of the gentry of the neighbourhood. As you assured me that such bargains were invalid, I hope you will take some course to prevent or invalidate them, or it will lessen your interest and power. [*Ibid. No.* 24.]

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Oct. 28. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The Queen's ship is to be launched to-day; Sir Philip [Honeywood] still continues very bad. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 25.]

Oct. 28. Deal. Rich. Watts to Williamson. Letters from France report that Dieppe is very much visited with the pestilence, and that the King has sent two companies of foot, and a troop of horse, to lie near the town, and keep the inhabitants in. Calais is also reported to be visited. I hear of only one house in Dover, but the north-east winds keep all news and trade from our town. [*Ibid. No.* 26.]

Oct. 28. Southampton. Thos. Butler to Williamson. I trouble you this time on my own account. The Bishop of Chichester resigning not long since, I hear of several designed as his successor, but think the Dean of Winton is as likely as any. The Dean, besides Stepney, holds the living of North Crawley in Buckinghamshire, worth 160*l.* or 200*l.* a year. I earnestly beg any living vacated by Bishop King's successor. The death of the Bishop of Worcester, and the removal of Dr. Clerk from Winton, give his Majesty the patronage of many livings, and if you will advise me, I will be at Whitehall with my petition for one of them; but the living of North Crawley is the object of my present application. [1½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 27.]

Oct. 28. Court at Whitehall. Council to the Earl of Winchelsea, Lord Lieutenant of Kent. His Majesty has received frequent informations of the fraudulent practices of persons in and about Canterbury and other parts of Kent, in sending large quantities of wool on board French shallops and other vessels, for transportation into France, to the prejudice of the trade and manufactures of this kingdom; and notwithstanding the laws made to inhibit the same, yet the persons have so many devices to evade seizure, and have become so bold and confident, as openly and frequently to transport great quantities, and to resist the officers authorised to seize. His Majesty has thereupon directed the Lord High Admiral of England to send 2 double shallops to ply upon the coast, and to search all suspected vessels, and when any wool is found, to seize the same, and also the transporters. His Majesty likewise ordered the Duke of Albemarle to send a troop of horse guards to be quartered in and about Canterbury, with directions to obey the orders of your lordship, or the deputy-lieutenants, to prevent the transportation of wool. You are therefore to use your utmost endeavours to inform yourself of the persons who practise such unlawful transportation, and give order to search for and seize all wool found combed, and designed for transportation, apprehend the owners, and do all other needful acts to put a stop to its export, rendering from time to time an account to the Council Board of your proceedings therein. [*Ibid. No.* 28.]

Oct. 28. Copy of the above. [1¼ *pages. Ibid. No.* 29.]

Oct. 28. Sir J. Trevor to the Treasury Commissioners. The King wishes you to report on the most ready mode of conveying his interest in Walsingham House, near Wallingford House, Pickering House, and part of the Tilt Yard adjoining, now used by the Duke of Buckingham, to the said Duke. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 130.]

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Oct. 28. Licence to Mr. Leigh to go to Ireland, and remain there, without being summoned to serve on juries, or bear any public office, unless he voluntarily submits thereto. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 174.]

[Oct. 28.] Request to Williamson to expedite the pass for Sir Thos. Verbec, merchant, for 20 horses. [*French. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 30.]

Oct. 29. Pass for 22 horses for M. Verbec. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 174.]

Oct. 29. Whitehall. Reference to the Treasury Commissioners of the petition of Sir Joseph Jordan, for the first land-waiter's place that falls void, for his son Joseph. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 75.]

Oct. 29. Whitehall. Petition of [Benj. Mildmay] to the King, for a fresh reference of his case to the House of Peers, that granted 21 Nov. 1667 having failed, because the House adjourned before his cause was settled. With reference as requested. [*Draft. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *Nos.* 31, 32.]

[Oct. 29.] Petition of Simon Middleton and John Blackwell, executors of the late Thos. Smithesby, and of James Smithesby, Thomas and Rebecca Hartley, and Mary Smithesby, his children, to the House of Lords, appealing against a decree in Chancery—on their suit for recovery of a debt of 10,000*l.* with interest, lent by Thos. Smithesby to Sir Paul Pindar, and other Farmers of Customs, in 1644—which decree decided that all the money paid since as interest thereon should be computed as principal, and interest counted only at 4 per cent. since the Restoration, on pretence of the money being in part of a contract for customs, although 19,000*l.* was allowed for payment of those debts; beg a reversal of the said decree, and an order to the executors of the parties to answer to the premises. [*Ibid. No.* 33. *See Lords' Journals XII., p.* 258.]

Oct. 29. Lord Frescheville to Williamson. Pray present the enclosed to Lord Arlington; it only contains a few words beseeching his lordship to excuse my absence from the House of Peers. I tendered my proxy in a former letter, but have not received his commands, nor heard anything concerning my old importunity, which I am almost out of countenance to repeat. [*Ibid. No.* 34.]

Oct. 29. Thos. Covell to Williamson. I received 50*l.* from Mr. Povey's agent, and paid it to the Mayor of Thetford, in part of his bill. I also paid him, and Mr. Martin's assignee, the 10*l.* you gave for the poor, which was gratefully received. I was with the Mayor, at Thetford on Tuesday, and intended settling his bill, so that you might know the total of your charges; but the Mayor pretended that, as bills were outstanding, he could not settle the reckoning without wrong to himself or you. I hope to settle it soon, and present you the bills. Endorsed by Williamson, "Thetford Election." [*Ibid. No.* 35.]

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Oct. 29. Lynn. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. A Flemish-built ship belonging to East Friesland, and laden with masts, deals, and other Norway goods, was put ashore at Wells on Saturday last, and has not a mast standing, or a man on board. I request this news to be inserted in the *Gazette.* These parts have been very sickly for the last two months, with agues, distempers, and fevers. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 36.]

Oct. 29. Bristol. Ja. Baskerville to Williamson. A great part of the winter fleet has put to sea. There are some ships bound for the Straits, but on account of the rumours of a war with Algiers, the merchants cannot get seamen to sail them. I have no report of the hurricane at Barbadoes, but much reason to believe it, as vessels expected 3 weeks since have not yet arrived, and wrecks have been discovered in the Channel. [*Ibid. No.* 37.]

Oct. 29. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. A ship is in the Downs bound for Virginia. Letters from Holland state that the late high winds have cast away several ships at the Texel, and done other mischief. [*Ibid. No.* 38.]

Oct. 29. Treasury Chambers, Whitehall. Sir George Downing to the Navy Commissioners. Mr. Pepys having failed to be with the Treasury Commissioners about Sir Denis Gauden's Toulon and Lent accounts, they desire your attendance on Wednesday about that business. [*Ibid. No.* 39.]

Oct. 29. Treasury Chambers. Same to the Same. I am commanded by the Treasury Commissioners to desire you to bring your weekly certificates every Monday, when you come here to wait upon the King. [*Ibid. No.* 40.]

Oct. 30. Portsmouth. Commissioner J. Tippetts to the Navy Commissioners. I will buy provisions wanting, and to be had in these parts, at the cheapest rates I can. I bought Mr. Newland's deals, but could not agree for the masts; the blocks will be an extraordinary pennyworth, or I would not deal for them. The calking is pretty well over; what remains may be done by the old company, and winter being at hand, it will be good husbandry to discharge what men may be spared; so that if you will order the money left with Mr. Ridge, to pay all the pressed men, I may see it done by Thursday, when I hope we shall close the survey. [*Ibid. No.* 41.]

Oct. 30. Woolwich. Edw. Byland to the Navy Commissioners. Estimate of the conversion of fir timber contracted for with Mr. Wood; pray hasten the purveyor to send down provisions wanting, of which I have given him an account. [*Ibid. No.* 42.]

Oct. 30. John Moorhouse to the Navy Commissioners. I send an account of what coppices are fit to be felled in Whittlewood Forest, after which you will find much young oak and underwood. I want money to go on with the work. [*Ibid. No.* 43.]

Oct. 30. Warrant for a grant to Major John Haslewood of the estate, both real and personal, of Sir Arthur Hesilrigg, Bart., which came or ought to have come to the Crown, by virtue of the Act declaring the forfeitures of notorious offenders excepted out of the Act of

Oblivion. With schedule of the personal estate. [*See p.* 553 *supra. S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 174.]

Docquet of the above, dated November. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 113.]

Oct. 30. Whitehall. Report of the Committee for trade, on the dispute between the Bristol merchants and the Merchant Adventurers, Hamburg Company and Turkey Company. The former company offers to admit the Bristol merchants on their taking the freedom of the company, and on payment of 20 marks each; the latter on payment of 25*l.* a man. The Bristol merchants will observe the rules, and contribute to the charges of the Turkey Company, in trading at Constantinople, Smyrna, and Aleppo; but both companies urge that if the Bristol merchants have a distinct charter to trade in their regions, it will be destructive to their trade, which will be a loss to the whole nation. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 44.]

Oct. 30. / Nov. 9. Rome. Earl of Castlemaine to Lord [Arlington]. I am ashamed my little intended present has not come to hand, but I doubt not it will come safe, as the captain of the ship is a very honest and careful man; this made me choose him, though when he left Leghorn, he was to call at Naples, and load oil at Gallipoli for England. The perfumes I sent you are the best, and most useful of Italy, being all sorts of Florence essences, pomatum and oils of Genoa for the hair, Roman powder and perfumed paste, and 2 dozen pairs of the best Roman gloves, being 12 pair for your lady, and as many for yourself. Pardon the meanness of the present, since it comes from one that bears you all the respect imaginable. I shall begin my voyage to Spain in 3 weeks, and I expect about midsummer to reach Paris. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 45.]

Oct. 30. Holland. Mary Carleton to Lord [Arlington]. I was left in debt by an ill husband, and not being able to overcome it, I resolved to go with the little I had left for Holland, and employ it and myself as I saw fit. I took my way for Harwich, but an adversary informed Jacom Layfitt, the King's chief searcher, who would not let me go on board the packet unless I gave him 5*l.*, which not having, I gave him two of my best rings, till I redeemed them with so much money, which I have witnesses to prove. Particulars of going aboard. Layfitt, in conversation with Sam. Newton over some wine, said that Arlington must be removed, or the King would not be safe. Judge if such rebels are good either for King or subject, or fit to be employed in his Majesty's service; I hope you will not let this varlet go unpunished, which will oblige the oppressed at Harwich. If such serpents are hugged, you will be stung to death. With Latin postscript, urging on bended knees the granting of her requests. [4 *pages. Ibid. No.* 46.]

Oct. 30. Dublin Castle. Henry Ford to Williamson. I received your letter, with an enclosure from Council, which I presented to his Excellency. We are full of expectation to hear of the meeting and proceedings of Parliament. His Excellency and family are in good health, and if much exercise and very great industry will contribute to it, I hope he will continue so. [*Ibid. No.* 47.]

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Oct. 30. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. Thos. Potts, commander of the *George* pink, has arrived from Jamaica. He was at Hispaniola 9 weeks ago, and says that the place stands as formerly, and that there was no appearance of the French. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 48.]

Oct. 30. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The Queen's ship was launched last Thursday, and is to be brought to London to be carved and painted. Sir Philip Honeywood continues very bad. The Mayor of Portsmouth died on Friday night, and another has been chosen. [*Ibid. No.* 49.]

Oct. 30. Lyme. Ant. Thorold to Hickes. Col. Stowell died at his house at Ham in Somersetshire last Monday, and Col. Amias Poulett at Lord Poulett's, at Hinton [St. George], on Thursday. [*Ibid. No.* 50.]

Oct. 30. London. Henry Rumbold to Lord Arlington. Mr. Leigh told me that a certificate was required from the merchants, before the Consulship of Sevile and St. Lucar could be effected. I desired him to peruse the one you have in the office; it was under the hands of all the able Spanish merchants, dated when Malaga and St. Lucar were granted to me, and no complaint has since been made against me; yet if needful, delivering me that, I could get it renewed; but Leigh said Mr. Williamson would not part with it, being your security. I know of nothing to justify the taking away of Malaga from me, and hope I am not prejudiced by the certificate not being renewed. Sevile and St. Lucar being one port, it will be more satisfactory to the merchants, who will think the disposing of Malaga an act of mine, as being unable to assist in both places; so I shall remain better in my reputation, and Colston more quiet in possession of Malaga. [*Ibid. No.* 51.]

Oct. 31. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. Some vessels arrived from Bordeaux report that most of the Dutch ships which went there to load have gone home empty, fearing an embargo, as the French King is expected to break with the Dutch; that the Bishop of Munster is beating drums in France and his own country, to enlist soldiers, and that it is thought he will join with the French. The wind is S.S.W., with very violent storms. [*Ibid. No.* 52.]

Oct. 31. Notes [by Williamson] of the proceedings at the Foreign Committee. To write to Monsieur Balthasar, taking notice in the King's name of his good affection to serve his Majesty, by his best offices with the Cantons, and to encourage him to continue them. As to his complaints that his letters on the matter of Rouen, Marseilles, &c., are not answered, Prince Rupert said that by the omission of Sir S. Moreland, to whom they were addressed, they have not been received.

Upon a paper brought in by the Lord Keeper, received by him from the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland—being an account from the Lord Primate of the present state of the Church of Ireland, in relation as well to Papists as Schismatics—it was agreed to write to the Lord Lieutenant, for his opinion and advice what the King should do in it: The King thinks fit there should be a difference made, as he understands there ever was, by the Governors of that kingdom, between those Papists that own his Majesty's authority

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in temporals, and those that refuse; *i.e.*, the subscribers and non-subscribers of the late remonstrance, called P. Welsh's Remonstrance. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 53.]

Oct. 31. Whitehall. Warrant for a grant of 200*l.* a year each, from the part of the Queen's portion still unpaid, to Col. John Rumsey and Major Edw. Trelawney, till some military employment is provided for them. [*Ibid. No.* 54. *See p.* 542, *supra.*]

Docquet of the above, dated Nov. 3. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 109.]

Minute of the above, dated Nov. 3. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 174.]

Oct. 31. The King to the Duke of York. We wish you to inform Sieur Guldenlew, Ambassador of the King of Denmark, that no new regulation can be made, as requested by him, in reference to the exchange of salutes and civilities at sea, the constant practice in that matter never having been questioned. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, *f.* 37.]

Oct. Order granting the petition of Sir John Bennet, that for building the bridge at Fulham, the King would grant him rough timber, and allow him a toll of 40 years for foot and horse passengers, the said bridge being a great convenience to the inhabitants on each side, and to his Majesty. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 73.]

Oct. 31? Petition of George Halfheid, late postmaster of Canterbury, to Lord Arlington, for return of 3*l.* 5*s.* 10*d.*, paid for fees on his imprisonment when put out of employment, having been wrongfully imprisoned. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 55.] *Annexing,*

> *Receipt by Thos. Roberts from George Halfheid, of* 52*s. for lodging and fees for* 18 *days' imprisonment.*—18 *Oct.* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 55I.]

> *Note of law fees in the case of Lord Arlington against Halfheid: total* 13*s.* 10*d.* [*Ibid. No.* 55II.]

Oct. 31. Statement by A. Ellis, of the cause why Mr. Halfheid was ejected from the office at Canterbury, and arrested; viz., that he went into France 2 months without leave, and did not pay in his office moneys as he should have done; but as he offered 53*l.* 13*s.* 7*d.* in lieu of 99*l.* 12*s.* 5*d.* due, it was accepted rather than he should spend the money in prison, and he was released. [*Ibid. No.* 56.]

Oct. Grant to Lord St. John of Basing of the office of woodward and keeper of the woods in the forests of Chute, Aliceholt, and New Forest, also in the manors of Odiham, Rumsey, Hook, and Worthy Mortimer, co. Hants; fee 5*l.* a year. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 98.]

Oct. Corroboration of presentation of Ralph Davenant to the rectory of Whitechapel, co. Middlesex. [*Ibid. No.* 100.]

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Oct. Discharge to Anne, relict of Sir Rich. Fanshaw, in consideration of a payment of 2,000*l.*, of all plate delivered out of the Jewel House to her husband, for the service of his chapel and household, during his embassy to Portugal and Spain. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 100. *See p.* 310, *supra.*]

Oct. Confirmation to Frances Jacobson, widow, of a lease lately made by the Queen Consort and her trustees, of certain lands in the forest of Braydon, co. Wilts, for 33 years, from Lady-Day 1696 (*sic*), rent 63*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.* [*Ibid. No.* 102.]

Oct. Grant to Chas. Gifford of 2,800*l.*, to be recovered by him, due to the King from John Kilby, late collector of hearth money, co. Bucks. [*Ibid. No.* 103.]

Oct. ? Note that a letter is to be sent to the Governors of the Charterhouse, to grant the registrar's place to Bevill Skelton and Thos. Duppa, Wm. Massey, the former registrar, having killed a woman with a quart pot. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 57.]

[Oct.] Account of disbursements, &c., of Rich. Browne, agent to the Commissioners for Prizes in the port and districts of Aldborough in 1667, total 26*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.*, beside any allowance of salary that may be made to himself from 29 Oct. 1666 to 16 Oct. 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 58.]

Oct. Account [by Rich. Thompson] of Dr. Clayton and others' misbehaviours against the King, Lord Arlington, the statute law of the land, the customs of the house they are of, and their own promises and professions; stating their proceedings in electing 3 Fellows of University College, Oxford, in contempt of Lord Arlington's letter and the King's mandate [*see pp.* 524–526, 530, *supra*] for the election of Rich. Thompson; tending to prove that the mandate, so far from forwarding his election, prevented some who would otherwise have favoured him, and animadverting on the persons chosen. [*Ibid. No.* 58A.]

Oct. Note of Walter Carey and 2 others, proposed as sheriffs for Bedfordshire, and request by Carey that he may be spared. Having sold 500*l.* worth of land in the county, to pay his debts, he has only 200*l.* a year left, serves already as J.P., and in the late rebellion, was captain of a troop of horse, raised at his own charge. [*Ibid. Nos.* 59, 60.]

Oct. John Lanyon to the Navy Commissioners. I might well hope you would have allowed me the money his Royal Highness determined on my petition; but as that cannot be, I am content to submit to your pleasure, if you will continue your furtherance of my petition. As the matter is just and reasonable, and the affair so near a period, I pray that I may be quit of further clamours of tradesmen, by being allowed sums mentioned for omissions, and for payments to the boatswain of the hulk for her repair, and that the amount, 385*l.* 16*s.* 3*d.*, may be paid to John Hill, merchant of London, who will wait upon you for it. [*Ibid. No.* 61.]

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Lists sent by Morgan Lodge to Williamson, of King's and merchant ships in the Downs, and the state of the wind.

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62	Oct. 1	1	6	S.S.W.	
63	„ 2	1	6	E. by E.	
64	„ 3	1	6	S.W.	
65	„ 4	1	7	S.W.	
66	„ 5	1	6	W.S.W.	
67	„ 7	1	8	W.	
68	„ 10	2	21	N.W.	
69	„ 11	1	20	W.N.W.	
70	„ 12	1	20	W.N.W.	
71	„ 13	1	14 ?	W.S.W.	
72	„ 15	1	22	W.	
73	„ 16	1	29	—	
74	„ 20	1	—	S.	
75	„ 21	1	1	E.	
76	„ 22	1	—	S.	
77	„ 27	1	—	E.	
78	„ 28	1	—	S.E.	
79	„ 30	1	4	N.W.	Stormy weather.
80	„ 31	2	13	S.W.	

Nov. 1.
Lyme.

Ant. Thorold to Hickes: Arrival of ships named, with wine and salt. The great ship of 100 guns building at Brest is ready to be launched. Many of the French soldiers and sailors have returned home. A vessel of Tynemouth foundered at sea, about 2 or 3 leagues from Lyme Harbour, and two of her men were drowned. I thank you for the [news] letters, and as Parliament is sitting, I hope they will be continued. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 81.]

Nov. 1.
Pendennis.

Fras. Bellott to Williamson. Arrival and departure of ships to and from France, Bilbao, Algiers, &c. [*Ibid. No.* 82.]

Nov. 1.
Minehead.

John Maurice to Williamson. Three vessels named have been cast away by the violence of the storm, 5 men drowned, and very little of the goods, consisting chiefly of wool, saved; we hear of several other wrecks off the coast of Ireland. [*Ibid. No.* 83.]

Nov. 1.
Falmouth.

Thos. Holden to Hickes. The *Prince William*, a Dutch man-of-war, arrived with 3 merchantmen under convoy, bound for Bilbao. The fleet of merchantmen bound for France put to sea, but were forced back, and are now in harbour. The *St. George* of Dieppe, laden with salt for Ireland, which left us 14 days since, has been cast away on the coast of Ireland, but her men were saved, and some of them have returned to Falmouth for a passage home. [*Ibid. No.* 84.]

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T. Fis: to ———. Private affairs. Dr. Needham was removed from Windsor a month ago. I have waited on Squire Hepton, who is still at Garland's. Send me an almanac. Your friends at Park desire remembrances. Endorsed, "Copy of a letter intercepted by my Lord Mordaunt." [3 *pages. Ibid. No.* 85.]

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Nov. 1. Whitehall. Licence to John Ogilby for 15 years, to have the sole printing of a description of the world, in 5 volumes, embassies to China and Japan, and the history of the Tartaries, all adorned with sculptures, in addition to his 2 previous warrants for the sole publication of other works. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 131.]

[Nov. 2.] Petition of Rich. Freeman, officer in Wallingford garrison, to Lord Arlington, to help him into the Charterhouse, peaceably to end his days, being unable to help himself to a subsistence. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 86.]

Nov. 2. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. Thanks for letters and good wishes. I have indeed had a smart fit of illness; but it pleased God, in the midst of judgment, to remember mercy, for which I bless his holy name. I will write to Mr. Ellis and Williamson by the next post. [*Ibid. No.* 87.]

Nov. 2. Staveley. Lord Frescheville to Williamson. I have received the report about the advowson; it directs the passing of a new lease; I hope it may be for 31 years, the usual term of the King's leases, the rent being improved more than by any former tenant. [*Damaged. Ibid. No.* 88.]

Nov. 2. Coventry. Ralph Hope to Williamson. To-day the new Mayor and officers were sworn according to custom, viz.: Thos. Lindzey, tallow-chandler, Mayor; Hugh Capell and Fras. Cater, mercers, Sheriffs; and Wm. Snell, mercer, and Rob. Whittell, dyer, Chamberlains. The latter, being an Anabaptist, would not take the oath, and paid the fine, when John Winterton, butcher, was chosen in his stead, and Jos. Nicholls and Rob. Chandler, Wardens. The two sheriffs were very refractory at first, refusing either to swear or pay the fine; they offered to take the oath of sheriff, but not of abjuration, designing by that trick to evade both office and fine. They were, however, frightened out of their plea, by apprehensions of some severity from above, which the city were resolved, if possible, to procure, rather than be baffled. After all were sworn, they had the annual feast, but it was very inferior, the new Mayor not being so bountiful as many, though few believe him so wise as wealthy.

We need not fear the suppression of conventicles, which never so abounded, since the principal governors have been favourers of them. The Mayor's religion and parts may go together, he being judged not over burdened with either; but every man here must have his turn, and every dog has his day. [*Ibid. No.* 89.]

Nov. 2. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Sir P. Honeywood is now convalescent. [*Ibid. No.* 90.]

Nov. 2. Earl of Northampton to Lord Arlington. Being detained in the country, I desire you to present the petition enclosed to his Majesty, and procure a reference of it to yourself, the Earl of Oxford, and Lord Ashley. The bearer will furnish particulars. Endorsed, "My Lord of Northampton, about his petition." [*Ibid. No.* 91.]

Nov. 2. Whitehall. Reference to the Treasury Commissioners of the petition of Sir Thos. Orby, for a longer term than 21 years in Crowland Manor, let to him by the late Queen [Mother]. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 76.]

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Falmouth.

Thos. Holden to Williamson. Repetition of his letter of the 1st instant to Hickes, adding that from Bilbao it is reported that there will be a war between them and France. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 92.]

Nov. 3.
Bristol.

Jo. Fitzherbert to Williamson. Arrival of ships with linen cloth, wine, oranges, and lemons. The merchants are in some disorder, on account of a reported hurricane at the Barbadoes, but a vessel from there mentions nothing of it. The *Sea Flower* of Bristol is daily expected with a full account. [*Ibid. No.* 93.]

Nov. 3.
Westminster.

Appointment by Henry, Bishop of St. Asaph, of John Ellis, M.A., to the prebend in the cathedral void by death of Archibald Sparke, S.T.B., of Llanyfydd. [*Latin. Ibid. No.* 94.]

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List of those who have been sheriffs in each county of England for 3 years past, ending 3 Nov. 1668, and of those nominated by Council to be pricked for sheriffs for 1668; with additions by another hand [probably of persons from whom the sheriffs of 1669 are to be selected]. [*Latin. Ibid. No.* 95.]

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Whitehall.

Reference to the Treasury Commissioners of the petition of John, Earl of Bridgewater, for the high stewardship of the manor of Tring, co. Herts, in the King's disposal by death of the Queen Mother. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 75.]

Nov. 3.
Whitehall.

Reference to the Treasury Commissioners of the petition of Sir George Fletcher, for a grant of the King's title to the fines due to his Majesty, for every head of Scotch cattle imported into England, contrary to the Act 15 Charles II. [*Ibid. p.* 76.]

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Sir Denis Gauden to the Navy Commissioners. Let all possible care be taken to prevent the necessity of saving flesh in the summer, as was done last year, to the detriment of the service, for want of timely notice, which should be given 13 Oct. each year. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 96.]

Nov. 3.
Chatham.

Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. We have been hindered firing more chests of powder on the wrecks by the weather, but shall send down 2 to-morrow, and hope they will not prove less effectual than the former. The *Minion* is a vessel none will adventure on, and I must let her lie until some other things are to be sold. The Surveyor and I have treated with the former twine-maker, who wants 6½*d.* a pound for making, the King finding hemp; we suppose it might be had cheaper, only not so good as that made here.

Mr. Brunsden commends Sir Roger Twisden's timber for the new ship, and Sir Roger will meet me and the Surveyor on Saturday, at Town Malling. Brunsden is viewing another parcel of timber at Newhead, but the gentleman will not part with it unless the whole be bought—482 loads at 3*l.* 7*s.* a load; I suppose if we agree with Sir Roger, his will come much under that price. The *St. George*

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and *Unicorn* should be had into dock, being very leaky. I shall find some knees here, but we shall not have enough. [2 *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 97.]

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Surveyor Thos. Middleton to the Navy Commissioners. I will meet Sir Roger Twisden on Saturday about his timber, which if Mason had bought and sold to us, we could not have had it under 4*l.* a load. You will do well to treat with some block-makers, or I will do so here, for blocks for the new ship; there is as great an evil in that trade as in any that belongs to navigation, and the King is not more cheated in any one trade than in that. There is no need to have a block-maker and pump-maker, both being but one trade, and one man can well perform them; but this extravagance is like many more which I hope to lay before you. The face of things is much changed since Commissioner Cox came to Chatham, and more will be daily done, to the King's great advantage. Pray speak to Capt. Shales to remove a parcel of old compasses, and the cases purchased by him at the last sale. [3¼ *pages. Ibid. No.* 98.]

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The *Roebuck*,
Downs.

Capt. Geo. Liddell to the Navy Commissioners. We had very bad weather at sea, which has damaged my bread; the davit was washed off the forecastle, and other damage done, two canboys staved, &c. If Mr. Coomer can fit me with a piece of mast, I will make it serve for the present. We have 7 weeks' provisions aboard. [*Ibid. No.* 99.]

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Thos. Lewis to [Pepys]. I have drawn up Mr. Bunch's account for victualling the *Sapphire* between May 1666 and Nov. 1668, and find he is in debt 300*l.*, which probably is the reason he looks not after the passing of the account. The ship is going to sea again; you may acquaint the Board with it. [*Ibid. No.* 100.]

Nov. 4.
Woolwich
Ropeyard.

Wm. Bodham to the Navy Commissioners. I will prepare one cwt. of twine to send to Chatham. Shall any more be provided? None has been before demanded, since my coming here in July 1664. [*Ibid. No.* 101.]

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Exceptions made by the plaintiff, in the cause of Jerome Smith, lunatic, *v.* Ambrose Benet, to the report of Sir John Coell, Master in Chancery, assigning to the defendant 66*l.* 12*s.* 11*d.* for costs of the suit before his accounts are passed; also to the absence of sufficient vouchers for the 214*l.* 18*s.* 10*d.*, allowed to the plaintiff on his accounts. [*Ibid. No.* 102.]

Nov. 4.
Holyrood
House.

Sir Alex. Frazer to Lord Arlington. Parliament is busy in settling grievances. We are impatient to know how your Parliament likes the Union; a disaffected party is glad it is so little considered as yet. The Lord Commissioner waits with patience, but our people are not so wise or patient; business with us is best done when least deliberated. The longer your Parliament suspends their answer to the Union Treaty, the more scruples will be created in the minds of many of us. Yet it is not reasonable that your Parliament should be pressed to an answer that would spoil all that so many wise persons have been doing in order to this treaty,

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Only when you write to my Lord Commissioner, you may give him reasons for their not considering his Majesty's speech. Pardon my writing so freely. [1½ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 103.]

Nov. 4. London. Rob. Bransby to Viscount Conway, St. George's Lane, Dublin. I expected you in London this session of Parliament, but hearing from your servants that your coming is uncertain, I request payment of 29*l.*, balance of a bill, and also of 13*l.* for a couch chair and drugget, the bill for which was delivered to Mr. Garrat, who promised payment, but has since died. I have been in the country 2 months, and since my return, I am daily visited by creditors, which makes me discontented. I gave you an account for 54*l.*, due when I received the last payment, and was promised a settlement at Michaelmas, which I have never had. I beg the delivery of divers goods in the house in Queen Street, which are being used by some of Lord Orrery's family, and also of some green serge chairs lent, which are in your study. [*Ibid. No.* 104.]

Nov. 4. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. No news; all things are quiet. Sir Phil. Honeywood is recovering. [*Ibid. No.* 105.]

Nov. 4. The King to the Master and Fellows of Queens' College, Cambridge. We hear of the present sufficiency and future hopes of Nath. Shute, B.A., of Christ's College, son of one of our chaplains in ordinary, and also of your favourable intentions towards him. We are graciously pleased to concur in your desires, and require you to admit him to your next vacant fellowship, any statute to the contrary notwithstanding. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 27, *f.* 152.]

Nov. 5. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. Thanks for all kindness; I am much better, and hope to improve. Two vessels of Plymouth have arrived from France with wine and prunes, and 3 French vessels with the like lading, one of which is bound for Falmouth, the others seeking a market. Remember me to Ellis and Williamson. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 106.]

Nov. 5. Barnstaple. Wm. Wakeman to Williamson. The *Pelican* of Ilfracombe has arrived from Bordeaux, laden with wine and prunes, and 2 ships with wool from Ireland. A vessel belonging to Youghall and Minehead, laden with wool, &c., from Ireland, has been cast away near Wellacombe Sands, and 8 of her men drowned. [*Ibid. No.* 107.]

Nov. 5. Commission for Chr. Musgrave to be captain of Sir Fras. Mackworth's regiment (*sic*). Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 20, *p.* 202.]

[Nov. 5.] D. de la Fabvollière to Lord Arlington. I request you to order that all my designs, civil and military, books and letters, which have been taken into your lordship's office, may be examined and restored, there being nothing there but my own. I entreat the sum due to me, that I may pay what I owe. [*French. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 107A.]

Nov. 5. Pass beyond seas for Sieur de la Fabvollière, who has served the King several years as engineer, and is now dismissed. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 175.]

[Nov. 5.] Draft of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 108.]

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Nov. [5 ?] Licence for Rob. Barber, Sheriff of Dorsetshire, to live out of his county. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, *f.* 38.]

Nov. 5. The King to the Governors of Sutton's Hospital. We recommend Martin Clifford, in very especial manner, as master of the said hospital, in reversion after Sir Ralph Sydenham. [*Ibid. f.* 37.]

[Nov. 5.] Draft of the above, naming Clifford as secretary to George, Duke of Buckingham, Master of the Horse. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 109.]

Nov. 5. Court at Whitehall. Reference to the Treasury Commissioners of the petition of Sir Thos. Greaves, Bart., for payment of 1,300*l.*, part of 3,000*l.* due upon an old privy seal. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 77.]

Nov. 5. Chatham. Surveyor Thos. Middleton to the Navy Commissioners. I will wait upon Sir Roger Twisden with Commissioner Cox to-morrow, and doubt not but we shall agree with him about his timber; we intend to go with him to his house, and stay with him on Sunday, as I am resolved to see the trees. I have little judgment in timber-growing, but this being a business of concernment, I am not willing to leave a stone unturned; if we agree he will expect 600*l.* in hand. Mason has 400 loads of excellent timber at Maidstone, and I have prevailed with him to let you have 100 loads for the new ship at 3*l.* 6*s.* a load, or you may have the parcel at 55*s.* or 56*s.* a load, which will be a good pennyworth, and with Sir Roger Twisden's, will furnish the yard here for this year's expense.

The instances of amendment of the King's affairs are many; as much work is done for 8*d.* as was formerly done for 1*s.*, and if anything be amiss, here is one to set it to rights; whereas before no man had power to find fault, and every man did as he liked. I wish there was such a man as Commissioner Cox in all the yards. We shall consult together and put in writing, before I come to London, such things as we judge for the King's advantage, and leave them to your consideration. I have ordered the masters of attendance to give me a demand of what will be needful for the new ship. Pray remind the persons concerned to remove the things purchased by them, as we want the room; it is a great damage to the King, in removing goods to a distance, when if we had them at hand, we should require less time and fewer workmen. [3¼ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 110.]

Nov. 6. Plymouth. John Lanyon to the Navy Commissioners. I received the bills for the omissions and for repair of the hulk, and return the tradesmen's hands. Thanks for your allowing the said omissions, and promising to recommend my petition to his Royal Highness. [*Ibid. No.* 111.]

Nov. 6. Woolwich. Edw. Byland to Thos. Hayter. Pray send the brazier to mend the ranges of the *Henrietta* yacht, there having been a fire, and the vessel endangered for want of it; also for Mr. Hardwin to mend the glass. [*Ibid. No.* 112.]

Nov. 6. Portsmouth. Thos. Hancock to the Navy Commissioners. You will be informed of my depositions before Ayliff Jones, solicitor deceased, against Thos. Hunt of our town; for further prosecution thereof, I and

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the other 2 persons who gave evidence are ready to do his Majesty service in further attesting the same, and only wait your pleasure for doing it. I desire nothing more than to prove myself a liege man to the King, and hope I shall be so looked upon, notwithstanding the threatenings and affronts I do and shall meet with. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 113.]

[Nov. 6.] Case of the navigation of the River Wey, co. Surrey, showing that the Corporation of Guildford obtained an Act to make it navigable in 1651; that Sir Rich. Weston undertook the navigation, and then sold his interest to Mr. Pitson, who finished it in 1653; but much dispute arising among the land-owners, it was determined to have recourse to Parliament; giving the heads of the Bill tendered to the House. [*Printed, with MS. additions. Ibid. No.* 114.]

[Nov. 6.] Answer to the above case, controverting some of the allegations, showing that Sir Rich. Weston was the first propounder of the navigation, but being a royalist, transferred it to Pitson in 1651, to pass an Act for it; tracing the progress of the disputes since, and proposing that Parliament should give power to some gentlemen residing near, to give satisfaction to those that have adventured money. With note that Mr. Sandys and Mr. Pitson have had one Bill thrown out in the Lords and one in the Commons, and Mr. Radcliffe one thrown out in both Houses. [*Ibid. No.* 115.]

[Nov. 6.] Statement of the case relating to the navigation of the river Wey, from Guildford to the Thames, made navigable by James Pitson; his interest therein, after the Restoration, was transferred to John Ratcliffe, who repaired the river, locks, &c., and in Jan. 1665, sold his interest to Thos. Cressey. They were impleaded about the possession in the Exchequer, but many delays ensued, during which Ratcliffe died, leaving four small children, without other provision that what he had expended upon the river. With MS. note that a speedy end is requested, the Lord Chief Baron having had the cause before him 3 years. [*Printed. Ibid. No.* 116.]

[Nov. 6.] Heads of a Bill for settling the river Wey in Surrey, and composing the difference between the contractors and the landowners, touching its navigation. [*Printed. Ibid. No.* 117. *See Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p.* 103.]

Nov. 6. Affidavit of Mich. Bebington, of the Inner Temple, in the cause of Jerome Smith *v.* Ambrose Benet, that he gave the plaintiff notice of the order of the Court of Chancery, that he should show cause within 8 days why Sir John Coell's report should not be confirmed. [*Ibid. No.* 118.]

Nov. 6.
Castle Cornet. Sir Jonathan Atkins to Williamson. The French afford very little story since their last storm at Candia. Sir Thos. Morgan called here on his way to England. Hearing you were a lover of cider, I have sent you two hogsheads. [*Ibid. No.* 119.]

Nov. $\frac{6}{16}$.
Paris. Funeral oration on Henrietta Maria of France, Queen of Great Britain, pronounced by Abbé Bossuet, in presence of Monsieur, the King's only brother, and of Madame [daughter of Henrietta Maria], at the church of St. Mary, Challiot, where the heart of her Majesty reposes. [*Ibid. No.* 120.]

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Brief notes of proceedings in the House of Commons. [*Printed more at length in Commons' Journals, Vol. IX. p.* 103. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 121.]

Nov. $\frac{6}{16}$.
Paris.
[Sam.] Puffendorf to Williamson. I am leaving at once, my successor having arrived in Holland, and being daily expected here. I beg your commands, principally in reference to the purchase of books, which I will bring you myself. [*French. Ibid. No.* 122.]

Nov. 6.
London.
Earl of Ailesbury to Williamson. I desire that Mr. Cheyney, named in the depositions, may not be mentioned in your order; he is not so rude as the others, but was amongst them by chance. I delivered a paper to Lord Arlington. [*Ibid. No.* 123.]

Nov. 6.
Edinburgh.
Rob. Mein to Williamson. I can send no news, no one but members being allowed to be present, either at Parliament, or the meetings of the Lords of Articles. [*Ibid. No.* 124.]

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Deal.
Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. Another Jamaica man has arrived, who speaks of an attack, by English privateers in the West Indies, on 7 sail of Spaniards, 2 of which were fired and 3 taken, the others escaping; he says the privateers are in great hopes of capturing some of the Spanish towns. As this news is similar to an account received 8 weeks since, I think it is the same business, but the seamen say it is not; 30 sail of ships are in the Downs, outward bound. [*Ibid. No.* 125.]

Nov. 7.
Deal.
Same to the Same. The 2 Spanish ships taken by our privateers in West India were 2 galleons, which they could not overpower through having so many men, so they fired them; then the Spaniards leaped overboard and the English went to plunder, and made themselves very rich. Some of the plate was sold in Deal yesterday. This was not the May exploit, but was done in August. [*Ibid. No.* 126.]

Nov. 7.
Portsmouth.
Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. All things are quiet. Sir Phil. Honeywood has recovered beyond expectation. [*Ibid. No.* 127.]

Nov. 7.
Durham.
Dr. Guy Carleton to Williamson. I beg pardon for so often asking the beadsman's place, vacant by death of Will. Green of Morland, for John Richison of Bolton, Westmoreland, as it would be such a charitable work. It would be too great a presumption to beg a line under your own hand, you being so engaged on State affairs; but I shall be thankful for a few words from one of your clerks. [*Ibid. No.* 128.]

Nov. 8.
Chatham.
Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. I send contracts for provisions bought here for the service. I have agreed with Sir Roger Twisden, and presume the Surveyor has sent an account of the articles agreed on. The timber is much wanted for the new ship, and all care shall be taken in getting it into the yard. The *Black Dog* hoy is still at Harwich by bad weather. I gave a warrant for docking the *Unicorn* and *St. George*. [*Ibid. No.* 129.]

Nov. 8.
Chatham.
Col. Thos. Middleton to the Navy Commissioners. I send an agreement with Sir Roger Twisden for his timber; "he would not hear of anything of the King's in the business, but would have us

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to be bound for his payment," which we were forced to comply with. The trees, as they stand, seem to be as good as ever I saw; the greatest reason I had to see them was to observe what sort of land they grew on, by which more is to be judged of timber than by looking on the tree. I found it to be stiff clay, without mixture of sand or gravel, which is all the judgment I have to choose timber by, as it grows.

The want of the room Mr. Gould's ground tow lies on will cost the King a large sum, besides the tediousness of the work and loss of time. The barn you name was never of any use to the King, and I never knew that he used or repaired it; as it is ready to fall, I will make inquiry about it. The workmen are very earnest for their month's pay; what answer shall be given them? We have promised Sir Roger Twisden a bill for 620*l.*, being 600*l.* in part payment, and 20*l.* for the bark of the trees; do not fail in sending it me, we having prevailed with him to let us fell some of the trees for present occasions. Signed also by Commissioner Cox. [3 *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 130.]

Nov. 8. Woolwich Ropeyard. Wm. Bodham to the Navy Commissioners. I delivered to Capt. Taylor's son the 10 tons of rakings bought at the sale last May, at 3*s.* 6*d.* per cwt. He sent not the money according to promise, but I did not deny delivery, knowing that he is able, and that you can make him willing to pay. We judged it well worth 4*s.* 6*d.*, but seeing it is bought at 3*s.* 6*d.*, no more can be demanded, though it is strange the price should not be advanced at the sale. You should charge warehouse room which, considering the bulk and room it took, may be valued at 20*s.* a week; it is usual to allow but 3 weeks for fetching away bought goods, and this charge would be instead of an advance by bidding at the sale. [*Ibid. No.* 131.]

Nov. 8. Gravesend. Ph. Pett to the Navy Commissioners. A small boat for meeting ships below Gravesend is necessary, for better performance of my duty as muster-master. With note that it is not allowed until he lays before the Board the conveniences arising to the King thereby. [*Ibid. No.* 132.]

Nov. 8. Woolwich. Edw. Byland to Thos. Hayter. Mr. Kingsbury has served in 116 loads of compass timber more than his contract, and falls short with his strait timber 16 loads. I desire you will order Mr. Acworth to receive it, and make out his bills. [*Ibid. No.* 133.]

Nov. 8. Chester. M. Anderton to [Williamson]. Lord Fingall [Luke Plunkett, 3rd Earl], left yesterday for Holyhead, on his way to Ireland, accompanied by honest Mr. Leigh, who desires his service. You will find by the perusal of an enclosure, the esteem entertained by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland for the Secretaries of State. I had stopped the shipment of the horses and mares, but I presumed they had paid customs upon importation, being Flanders breed. Understanding you have become housekeeper, I will send you a brace of Cheshire cheeses. Remember me to Sir Geoffry Shakerley. [*Ibid. No.* 134.]

Nov. 8. Thos. Povey to [Williamson]. I heard from Mr. Drurie of the resentments of Clarke and Martin, at the fierce and factious pro-

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ceedings of the triumphing party at Thetford, and of his being directed to wait upon you, and acquaint you therewith. I have received a letter from the Mayor, of the desire of the corporation to choose a new deputy-recorder or town clerk, for their own purposes. I beg to make a few observations on the matter, and on the address presented to you by them. It is their design to unsettle the corporation, and transfer all the interests and influences vested in the house of Norfolk to a new lord. In order to do this, they agreed that their address to this new lord, subscribed privately, should be entered of record in their Hall book, and got the freemen to make a like address, whereby the body, instead of an aristocracy, becomes a populacy.

As to their application for a new charter, I believe that, since the return of the King, for the better regulating boroughs and preventing faction, it has been the custom, upon reviewing charters, to appoint the recorder and town clerk, so that their request to you to add or alter clauses, without consulting such officers, is wrong. I, as recorder and town clerk, am entrusted with the interests of a noble family, whose ancestors obtained the charter in the time of Elizabeth, and am therefore unwilling it shall be disturbed, until the present Lord of Thetford has returned, or whilst the chief and soberest persons cannot consult with the rest. I cannot see that the proceedings in the Exchequer between Martin and Kendall, as to the payment of arrears of taxes, have anything to do with Parliament, and I hear the Exchequer has decided the difference.

The river certainly cannot be dealt with, without an Act of Parliament, but I was the first mover in that matter, and asked Lord Arlington for his patronage in it; so that out of common civility, the corporation ought to have included me, as their officer, in such address, I having given them advice in it; whereby they show their unwillingness that the benefit should be brought to the town, by the means and the persons spoken of, lest the sense of it should oblige the town, which Kendall would govern by power and cunning only.

I hope that you, as their burgess in Parliament, will refuse to recognise such applications, unless they come through me, as their recorder and town clerk; and that you will so express yourself, seeing I might have been their member in your place; for you know my good intentions towards the borough, in having obtained the brief with some pain and difficulty, thereby obliging those of whom I had no knowledge or acquaintance. The contrivances of these new men and new minds are sufficiently visible in their address, and I hope you will find an expedient to keep yourself fair on all sides, and will be a witness for me, on the return of Lord Howard, who will be found jealous and passionate at the foul apostacy of the town. I never expected, by adhering to you, to weaken my own pretensions as recorder. [3½ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 135.]

Nov. 8. The King to the Mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of Headon-in-Holderness, Yorkshire. We approve your election of Chris. Hildyard,

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barrister-at-law, a person of good abilities and loyalty, to the office of recorder, on resignation of Wm. Wise. With minute of a like letter in favour of Wm. Baines, chosen town clerk of Headon, in place of Aquila Stevenson, deceased. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 132.]

Nov. 8. Warrant to Thos. Horton of Bork Island, Yorkshire, to preserve the King's game in the wapentake of Agbrigg and Morley, West Riding of Yorkshire. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 8. The King to the Commissioners of Ordnance. You report on the petition of John Samine, powder maker, that he lost 1,200*l.* in the firing of his stores at Moulsey, Surrey, and 660*l.* worth of powder belonging to his Majesty, for which he is responsible; that he was abated in the price of some saltpetre bought from him during the Dutch war, and that at the late dreadful fire at the Custom House, he saved 150 barrels of powder; he is therefore to be discharged from payment of the said 660*l.*, and the sum will be allowed to you on your accounts. [*Ibid. f.* 133.]

Nov. 9. Warrant to the Ordnance Commissioners to deliver to Sir Rob. Holmes, Governor of the Isle of Wight, beds, &c., for lodging 60 soldiers in the castles of the island. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 20, *p.* 202.]

Nov. 9. Approval by the King of the subjoined decree of the Commissioners of Sewers for the River Lee and the New River, published at the sessions of sewers, St. Andrews, Holborn, viz.: that the 2 pipes for conveying water from the River Lee to the New River, by Chalk Island, near Ware, be one 6 and the other 8 inches bore, and that turnpike jetties be set up by the New River Company, to raise the water of the Lee high enough to pass through the pipes, yet not so as to endanger any vessel, or to cause inundation of the meadows; the decree to be certified in Chancery. With 11 signatures, and note of the King's approval. [*Copy. S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 178.]

Nov. 9. Reference to the Treasury Commissioners of the petition of Nath. Philpot, for payment of 577*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.*, expended in building a lodge, paling, &c., in Hyde Park, while he was keeper thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 78.]

Nov 9. Whitehall. Petition of Thos. Hodge, chaplain to Lord Windsor, to the King, for a presentation to the vicarage of Bromsgrove, co. Worcester, no one having been duly presented for 18 months, and it having therefore become lapsed to his Majesty. With reference thereon to Walter, Bishop of Oxford, and his report in favour of the petitioner. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *Nos.* 136, 137.]

Nov. 9. Entry of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 78.]

Nov. 9. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. Two ships have arrived from Portugal, with sugar and oil. Thanks for your letter. I have been much weakened by my late distemper. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 138.]

Nov. 9. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. I did not receive last week the usual news, which is much desired during the Parliament time. [*Ibid. No.* 139.]

Nov. 9. Same to Hickes. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 140.]

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Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. The Dutch packet boat has arrived, but the packets for Harwich have not been heard of for a fortnight, and the master has been constrained to hire hoys here to transport the mails and passengers. We hear of great tempests at sea, and of great wrecks being seen on the coast of Norway and elsewhere. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 141.]

Nov. 9.
Dublin.

Capt. Wm. Fasby, of the *Monmouth* yacht, to the Navy Commissioners. I did my best to learn the prices of those goods I need, and hope you will send them from London, for I can have no sails made here; it will be a great wrong to the yacht if she is not fitted and graved, as without this some of the officers will leave. I want 22 men, as the *Mary* has. I left 4 of my men at Greenwich, and took 4 others in their room, but the former men having followed me, which has put them to great charge, I hope you will allow me to bear them. [*Ibid. No.* 142.]

Nov. 9.
Ordnance Office.

Edw. Sherburne and Rich. March to the Navy Commissioners. His Majesty has commanded that the fort or battery at Gallions be continued, and none of the great guns removed without further order. We desire you will direct the officers at Woolwich to forbear taking up and bringing away the plank and timber there, until his Majesty declares his further pleasure therein. [*Ibid. No.* 143.]

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Rob. Wright, counsellor, to the Navy Commissioners. As you gave me leave to employ a solicitor, to wait on you to receive your orders as to law matters, I have sent him to do his duty. He is industrious and diligent, and will bring me your orders, which shall be executed with care and diligence. [*Ibid. No.* 144.]

Nov. 9.
Deptford.

Jonas Shish to the Navy Commissioners. I have in all the beams of the upper deck of the *London*, and want 7 or 8 loads of knees to finish it. I would lay it now the weather is fair and dry, that the joiners may go on with the works in the cabin. If you will send the purveyor to look about the river, he may find sufficient knees for the service. I have complained of the delay in making a pinnace for Capt. Pearce of the *Sapphire*. [*Ibid. No.* 145.]

Nov. 10.
Chatham.

Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. I put up your instructions for the sale of the *Marmaduke* wreck, and gave Mr. Gregory the bill of imprest for 300*l.*; he desires that Mr. Pauling of Maidstone, receiver of taxes, may pay it, if he has so much of the Treasurer's money in hand. I will provide what is demanded by the officers, and inquire what knee timber may be had in these parts. Let 200*l.* more be imprested to Mr. Gregory, for payment of the men engaged on the wrecks, which service I hope to bring to an end in the spring [tide], if the Ordnance supplies powder and materials, also some deals to repair the wharves and storehouse.

The ground tow sold to Mr. Gould is not fetched away, and the room is very much wanted. There is a tender of 3,000 fagots, and some timber at Maidstone fit for the new ship. The fellow who stole the ropes from the masts was ordered by Justices Allen and May to be carried to Maidstone, but as they would not order their

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officers to take him, I sent him to the constable and bozelder of Chatham, from whom he got away; I find all here are against executing any severity for theft. I will prosecute the constable and bozelder for their default, if desired. We want plank to make chests for the powder to blow up the wrecks. [2 *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 146.]

Nov. 10. Chatham. Col. Thos. Middleton to the Navy Commissioners. I am sorry you think the price paid for Sir Roger Twisden's timber is hard on the King; let me have your resolution about Mason's. We require blocks for the new ships. Mr. Yardly never had anything to do with the barn; I find it has been used many years by different persons to put wood in. I hope you will mind the treasurers about the workmen, as they would fain be merry at Christmas, or at least have money to pay their quarter's rent. Pray send 20 lasts of tar, and if you can, send 40. I fear it will be 3 weeks before I have finished my survey. [3 *pages. Ibid. No.* 147.]

Nov. 10. The *Sapphire*, Gravesend. Certificate of Andrew Hogan and 6 others, that their ship sprang her foremast coming from Long Reach, and is unserviceable. [*Ibid. No.* 148.]

Nov. 10. Pembroke. John Powell to Williamson. Two French ships, laden with salt, brandy, and wines, have put in by contrary weather, both bound for Dublin. [*Ibid. No.* 149.]

Nov. 11. Deal. Morgan Lodge to Williamson. I delivered the packet on board the *Black Spread Eagle*, bound for Tangiers. [*Ibid. No.* 150.]

Nov. 11. Harwich. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The storm has abated, but the wind continues at west. Only one of the 3 packet-boats has arrived. I understand one is in Holland, but can gain no intelligence of the third, which has been missing a fortnight. Two Holland ships with timber from Norway, and several others, have put into port for safety. [*Ibid. No.* 151.]

Nov. 11. Portsmouth. Capt. Chas. Collier for Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. There is no news of any kind. [*Ibid. No.* 152.]

Nov. 11. Deal. Rich. Watts to Williamson. A ship from the Barbadoes has arrived, and reports the colony to be in a peaceable condition. There is a report that Prince Robert [Rupert] is desiring leave of the King to make halfpence, to go throughout the kingdom, at which all rejoice, for now every pitiful shopkeeper coins farthings and halfpence at his pleasure. [*Ibid. No.* 153.]

Nov. 10. Petition of Thos. Hele, and 25 other parishioners of Holberton, co. Devon, to the King, to present Thos. Rous, M.A., Fellow of King's College, Cambridge, to the living void by the death of Wm. Phillips. Rous having officiated there for some time. With certificate by the Bishop of Oxford in favour of Rous, his lordship having received such good testimony of him from the Bishop of Exeter. [26 *signatures. Ibid. No.* 154.]

Nov. 11. Preston, Lancashire. Inquisition on a writ of *ad quod damnum*, reporting that a grant to Charles, Earl of Derby, of 2 yearly fairs, and a weekly market at Grimskirk, and a yearly fair at Weeton-cum-Preeze, co. Lancaster, will not be prejudicial to the neighbourhood. With the writ for the above inquisition, dated 3 Nov. 1669, addressed to Sir Thos. Ingram, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, prefixed. [*Latin. 7 pages. S.P Dom. Car. II.* 267, *Nos.* 155, 156.]

Nov. 11. Presentation of Thos. Hodge, chaplain to Lord Windsor, to the vicarage of Bromsgrove, co. Worcester. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 19, *p.* 112.]

Nov. 11. Whitehall. Order referring to the Earl of Oxford, and Lords Ashley and Arlington, the petition of the Earl of Northampton, for examination by some persons of honour of several pretended misdemeanours, committed in Whittlewood Forest, co. Northampton. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 79.]

Nov. 11. Harwich. Wm. Williamson, master of the *Black Dog* hoy, to the Navy Commissioners. I am laden with timber from Maldon for Chatham, but forced in here by the weather, and must stay till the wind changes. Pray send an order for some victuals, as I have not one day's aboard. The *Adam and Eve* hoy is here. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 157.]

Nov. 11. Chatham Ropeyard. John Owen to the Navy Commissioners. We have but one last of tar in the stores, and as we spend 2 at a tarring, I desire a speedy supply. [*Ibid. No.* 158.]

Nov. 11. Gravesend. Phineas Pett to the Navy Commissioners. Reasons why I should have a boat of 7 tons, for performing my duty of muster master. There is a Flemish longboat, with a deck built on her, at Chatham, fit for the purpose, which will be the cheapest to the King. With note that it was negatived by the Board, as an unnecessary charge. [*Ibid. No.* 159.]

Nov. 11. Daniel Gates to Thos. Hayter. Having stayed as long as I can, without hazarding the loss of the convoy, pray acquaint the Commissioners that I shall sail on the 18th, so that if they have any of Lord Fauconberg's goods to put on board for Venice, they are to make despatch. [*Ibid. No.* 160.]

Nov. 11. Abra. Ansley to [Pepys]. Particulars of proceedings taken to prevent further embezzlements on board the *York*. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 161.] *Encloses,*

> *Information of John Elliott and* 2 *others, that they saw Rich. Driver, late boatswain of the* York, *carry away a hawser, and an old awning; that after his decease, nothing was carried away, but all was committed to the succeeding boatswain.—Portsmouth,* 11 *Nov.* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 161i.]

> *Petition of Mary Driver, widow, to the Navy Commissioners, that the* 12 *months' wages due to her late husband may be no longer suspended, but paid to her, and that whatever was misspent or came short may be charged on the succeeding boatswain, no survey being made till a month after she gave up the keys of the storeroom. With reference thereon by Col. Thos. Middleton and Sir Jeremiah Smith to Commissioner Tippetts.—*2 *Oct.* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 161ii.]

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Nov. 12. Chatham. Col. Thos. Middleton to the Navy Commissioners. I shall buy what timber I see fit for the King. I found the floors of the hemp-houses so rotten, that I was forced to order deals to be laid on them. I wish the ship with them were sent to this place, that the trouble of sending to Deptford upon every occasion might be prevented. We are in great want of tar; there are 13 or 14 coppers, which cost the King 600*l.*, are unfit for use, and burthen the stores; 85*l.* would make them as serviceable as ever, and if the ships are ordered to sea, new ones must be had; there are also some kettles and poop lanterns, that a quarter of the first cost would make as good as ever. [2 *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 162.]

Nov. 12. Propositions by Thos. Steane for fitting 56 repairable poop lanterns at Chatham with all materials, for 67*l.* With note that he is to have 60*l.* for it, and 40*l.* by way of imprest. [*Ibid. No.* 163.]

[Nov. 12.] Case in an appeal to the House of Lords, from a decree of the Court of Chancery, in the cause of Bernard Grenville, and Ann his wife, sole daughter and heir of the late Cuthbert Morley, against Jeremy and Hen. Elwayes, relative to a mortgage held by the defendants on certain estates of Cuthbert Morley. He being a delinquent, and in danger of sequestration, released the estate to Jeremy Elwayes, his brother-in-law, in secret trust, to receive it back when in condition so to do; the said decree being that the mortgager, to redeem the estate, should repay not only the whole mortgage, with interest, charges, &c., but the sum paid by the mortgagee, for purchase of the estate from the late usurpers. Long details of proceedings, 1642–1668. [*Printed.* 4 *pages. Ibid. No.* 164. *See Lords' Journals, Vol. XII., pp.* 265–6.]

Nov. 12. Caveat in favour of Sir Thos. Ingram, that nothing pass for the disposal of any office in the jointure of the late Queen, in the Duchy of Lancaster. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 32, *p.* 7.]

Nov. 12. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. Some ships have arrived from Portugal, the Canaries, &c.; 3 ships were driven ashore during the late hurricane. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 165.]

Nov. 12. Same to Williamson. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 166.]

Nov. 12. Dover. Jo. Carlile to [Williamson]. Through contrary winds, the Dover packet-boats have of late landed their mails and passengers in the Downs and at Margate. I hear from Flanders that a war is expected between France and Holland. I perceive by the *Gazette* that a house is shut up in Calais through the contagion, but find that it is no such thing; the house shut up in Dover was from a woman dying through miscarrying, and although 10 persons are in the house, none have been sick. Great care is taken by the Mayor and magistrates to keep the house closed, though we hope there is no danger. [*Ibid. No.* 167.]

Nov. 13. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. A vessel has arrived, having lost her masts and sails; also 3 ships from Scanderoon, who report that all the Algerines are in harbour, except 2, fired by Sir Thos. Allin,

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and another run aground and staved; that Sir Thos. Allin "lays "close to his business, which invites them of Algiers to a peace"; they offered to the King as many 2,000*l.* as his Majesty has ships there, and it is thought a little time will bring about an honourable peace. The late winds have done much hurt on the coasts of Holland, and some English vessels have been wrecked. [*S.P Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 168.]

Nov. 13. Swansea. Jo. Man to Williamson. We hear of several wrecks on the coasts of Ireland, Minehead, and Combe, by the stormy weather. A great vessel of London, bound for Tangiers, and another with pilchards for Leghorn, lost their masts and sails, and have gone into Milford Harbour. The *Justicia* of Horne, and 2 Frenchmen with brandy and salt, bound for Dublin, have put into Tenby. [*Ibid. No.* 169.]

Nov. 13. Harwich. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Two King's hoys from Maldon, with timber for Chatham Yard, have put in by contrary winds, and several other vessels are waiting, bound for the Thames. The packet-boats have not returned. [*Ibid. No.* 170.]

Nov. 13. Deal. Mor. Lodge to Williamson. I made a mistake in my last to you, arising from a multitude of foreign letters coming in, and being somewhat late, but they were delivered according to your intent. [*Ibid. No.* 171.]

Nov. 13. Court at Whitehall. Petition of Sir John Robinson, Bart., Lieutenant of the Tower, to the King. By a report of the Duke of Albemarle and others, appointed by a commission of 12 Sept. 1664, it was declared that the Tower Wharf ought to be cleared and kept free for the use of the service, and that the way upon it, to and from the City, should be chained up at each end; and as it appeared that former Lieutenants of the Tower had received benefit by suffering persons to use it, which petitioner had also done, they advised that some recompense should be made to him for the loss. Begs an order to the Commissioners for executing the office of Master of the Ordnance, to allow him an annual or quarterly compensation, for being deprived of the benefit made by the said wharf. With reference thereon to the Ordnance Commissioners. [*Ibid. No.* 172.]

Nov. 13. Entry of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 79.]

Nov. 13. Petition of Marius D'Assigny, B.D., late chaplain of the garrison at Tangiers, to Lord Arlington, for the vicarage of Burton. co. Lincoln, which is at disposal of his lordship, the Lord Keeper, and the Bishop of Oxford. Served 3 years at Tangiers, and has been 3 years waiting employment, since his return, on the reducement of the regiments. With note by John, Lord Belasyse, in favour of the petitioner. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 173.]

Nov. 13. Victualling Office. Sir Denis Gauden to the Navy Commissioners. I received a reference upon the petition of Rebecca Hill, desiring my reasons for refusing to satisfy her for the credit due on the victualling of the *Willoughby* frigate. Wishing to finish all accounts of that nature,

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I have given my hand and paid many creditors, though I had no settled foundation for repayment of what shall be due upon those accounts. This service has caused much clamour, and some trouble at law. I do not think it reasonable or fitting to engage any further, without I see some way to discharge the engagements; unless some course is taken, it will be a great discouragement to those willing to clear their accounts, and a pretence to others that are unwilling, knowing themselves to be debtors, and bring his Majesty upon the necessity of making satisfaction to me for iron hoops, biscuit bags, &c., for which the pursers now stand debtors. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 174.]

Nov. 13. Portsmouth. Ben Johnson to the Navy Commissioners. I send notes of goods seized by one Green, a look-out, that a bill may be made to him for them. [*Ibid. No.* 175.]

Nov. 14. Portsmouth. Chas. Collier, for Hugh Salesbury, to Williamson. Has no news to send. [*Ibid. No.* 176.]

Nov. 14. Deal. Rich. Watts to Williamson. The wind having changed, all the great ships are preparing to sail. The *Roebuck* has gone for Portsmouth. [*Ibid. No.* 177.]

Nov. 15. Mor. Lodge to Williamson. I desire instructions as to two packets directed to Sir Thos. Allin and Sir Jeremiah [Edward] Spragg, which I received after the fleet had sailed. [*Ibid. No.* 178.]

Nov. 15. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Hickes. Twenty sail bound for France and Bilbao have put to sea. The Western post, which formerly came in on Wednesday, is now not received till Thursday, which is a great prejudice to merchants and seamen. [*Ibid. No.* 179.]

Nov. 15. Hull. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. Arrival and departure of vessels with lead, cloth, wine, and prunes. [*Ibid. No.* 180.]

Nov. 15. Whitehall. Reference to the Treasury Commissioners, on the petition of Jo. Lovelace and Thos. Howard, for a grant of Gedney Marsh, co. Lincoln, to them and their heirs, with all tithes and appurtenances, on the former rent of 100*l.* [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 80.]

Nov. 15. Whitehall. Reference to the Treasury Commissioners, of the petition of Charles, Lord Cornwallis, Baron of Eye, for the office of high steward of the manor of Eye, granted him by the late Queen [Mother], but in his Majesty's disposal by her death. [*Ibid. p.* 81.]

Nov. $\frac{15}{25}$. Paris. Funeral oration for Henrietta Maria of France, Queen of Great Britain, pronounced at Notre Dame by I. F. Senault, superior-general of the congregation of the "Oratoire de Jesus." With a dedication to [her daughter] the Duchess of Orleans. [*Printed. French, 44 pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 181.]

Nov. 15. Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. I send copies of contracts, the originals being kept in a book, so that I can at all times refer to it. I have bought 300 loads of timber of Mr. Mason; let the money sent for bringing in Sir Roger Twisden's

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timber be impressed to Mr. Gregory. The *Black Dog* hoy has arrived with Mr. Moorcock's timber; shall she be sent to Deptford when unlivered? [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 182.]

Nov. 15. Chatham. Col. Thos. Middleton to the Navy Commissioners. Mr. Pett has viewed Sir Roger Twisden's trees, and says there will not be one but will be of special use for the new ship, and as little waste as in any parcel of timber he ever saw. I have written for the speedy bringing them up to the seaside, and as money will be wanting for the converting and carriage, I desire you will send 200*l.* I enclose an agreement made with Mason for 300 loads, and request your pleasure therein. I presume the lanterns cost the King more than 200*l.*; I know not whether anything will be abated in the demand for repair of some of them, unless it is the odd 7*l.* We want some plank for repair of the dock. [3¼ *pages. Ibid. No.* 183.] *Enclosing,*

> *Particulars of the size and number of blocks, dead-eyes, &c., agreed to be supplied by Edw. Smith for the new ship at Chatham. — Chatham, Nov.* 15. *With note by George Hanbury, Dec.* 9, 1669, *that the price, which is to be paid before* 1 *April* 1670, *is* 210*l.* [7 *pages. Ibid. No.* 183I.]
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> *Copy of the above particulars.* [7 *pages. Ibid. No.* 183II.]

Nov. 15. Portsmouth. Abra. Ansley to Commissioner Tippetts. I viewed the hold of the *Roebuck*, this day come into harbour, and find she will stow 3 months' wet and 6 months' dry provision for 60 men, her men lodging in the hold. [*Ibid. No.* 184.]

Nov. 16. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Roebuck* has arrived from the Downs, to be cleaned and fitted out again for Tangiers, to relieve another frigate there. [*Ibid. No.* 185.]

Nov. 16. The *Roebuck*, Portsmouth. Capt. George Liddell to the Navy Commissioners. Particulars of his voyage from the Downs to Portsmouth harbour. Being bound out on such a long voyage, the officers beg you will consider their poor condition, having been long without pay, and order some money for relief of their families, before they go hence. [*Ibid. No.* 186.]

Nov. 16. Portsmouth. Capt. Ant. Deane to the Navy Commissioners. The *Roebuck* has arrived, and all despatch shall be made in refitting her. The stores not affording lanterns small enough for the Queen's ship, I received a set from Mr. Harding, and desire a warrant for them, and for 50 loads of plank from Mr. Coles; also a dormant order for spikes or nails, the want of which would greatly hinder our works. [*Ibid. No.* 187.]

Nov. 16. Harwich. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The ships in harbour have sailed for the Thames, and a vessel from Newcastle has come in. Five packet-boats are expected. With note to Mr. Osberne: I have not received one of the private intelligences from you, as promised me by Mr. Williamson. [*Ibid. No.* 188.]

Nov. 16. Milford. John Powell to Williamson. The *John and Mary* of London, laden with pilchards, still remains here; 4 of her men have run away. [*Ibid. No.* 189.]

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Nov. 16. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. I have no news; I am recovering from my late attack, but not strong enough to leave my chamber yet. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 190.]

Nov. 16. Earl of Inchiquin to Williamson. May I expect the letter concerning my son to-day, and at what hour may I call for it? [*Ibid. No.* 191.]

Nov. 16. Caveat in favour of Father Patrick, that no grant pass of the estate of the late Oliver Daulton, the reversion of which is in the Crown. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 32, *p.* 7.]

Nov. 16. Act concerning the militia of Scotland, for training and disciplining the 20,000 foot and 2,000 horse which the late Parliament declared it to be his Majesty's undoubted prerogative to raise at pleasure, and for whom he has appointed officers, ordering them fit allowances as specified, from the time of the rendezvous; the goods of those who fail to appear are to be impounded by the sheriff, but to be redeemable within 6 days; those not sufficiently armed or mounted are to be considered as absent. The Lords of Council are to appoint the days of rendezvous, and give further instructions. [7 *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 192. *Printed in Acts of Parliament for Scotland, Vol. VII., p.* 554.]

Nov. 17. Gilbert Thomas, Provost Marshal, to Williamson. I cannot find that any old thief was concerned in the robbery at the King's house on 5 Nov., or was seen near Whitehall; but I hear that Hugh King, a short black man, 34 years of age, who was formerly servant to the Duke of Gloucester, often resorted to the place where the robbery was committed, and has since gone to Ireland. Notice should be given to the officers at Holyhead and Chester, as if he is taken, he will discover the robbery. [*Ibid. No.* 193.]

Nov. 17. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Hickes. The *Eagle*, bound for Bordeaux to load wines for his Majesty, has come in with several others. The *Nicholas and John* of Dover, with wine from Rochelle, reports that the French are building many great ships, and intend a war, and that the Dutch ships there only take in brandy, but proffer to carry wine for 10 livres a tun. [*Ibid. No.* 194.]

Nov. 17. Falmouth. Same to Williamson. To the same effect as the above, and part of his letter of Nov. 15. [*Ibid. No.* 195.]

[Nov. 17.] Petition of Wm. Massie to the King, for release on bail, and for a warrant suspending his punishment for manslaughter. Was found guilty of the manslaughter of Joan Meakins, but had no guilty intention of doing her the least hurt. Has a wife and four children; lost all his real estate in the late fire, and since this disaster, his employment in the Charterhouse, and has nothing remaining but a few goods, which some persons are endeavouring to beg, and others to seize. [*Ibid. No.* 196.] *Annexing,*

> *Certificate by John Foster, coroner, to the justices of the peace for Middlesex, that at an inquisition taken before him in the parish of St. Dunstan in the West, on* 25 *Oct. last, upon*

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the body of Joan Meakins, spinster, killed with a blow on the head by a quart pot, the petitioner was found guilty of manslaughter for the said offence.—17 *Nov.* 1669. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II*, 267, *No.* 196I.]

"*State of the case," viz., that the petitioner went into the kitchen of a tavern, and requested the maid to leave, as he had some private business with a gentleman whom he expected; that she refused, and after several high words, threw a glass of beer into his face, whereupon he struck her with a pot then in his hand, since which she has died; but more through her own wilfulness than the danger of the hurt, as 2 eminent doctors in physic and 4 surgeons testified on oath before the coroner. Also that petitioner has always been well conducted, whereas the dead woman was often abusive and violent.* [*Ibid. No.* 196II.]

Nov. 17. Commission for Major Ben. Henshaw to be captain of a company of foot in Portsmouth garrison, whereof Rob. Manley was late captain. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 20, *p.* 203.]

Nov. 17. Approval of Sir Rob. Markham and Ant. Thorold as deputy-lieutenants for Lincolnshire; the Earl of Lindsey to send them their deputations. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 17. Chatham. Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. I send the master's journal of the *Black Dog* hoy; she will be unlivered to-morrow, when I will send her up, fitting her with the remains of Mr. Gould's ground tow; and though she is very bad, she may serve to bring down the spruce deals and banks intended for this place. The horseboat is ordered to Deptford, for 1,000 deals to cover up the ropeyard, which was ripped up when the Dutch were up the river, and unless it be covered, will be wholly spoiled. The 50*l.* imprested to Mr. Gregory for bringing in Sir Roger Twisden's timber will go but a little way, as it will come to nearly 200*l.*; let a bill be made out for 250*l.*, there being 50 of the biggest trees already felled. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 197.]

Nov. 17. The *James* hoy, Great Yarmouth. George Roberts to the Navy Commissioners. I put in here by contrary winds, where are 8 vessels more bound for the same river, some of which have been here 20 days. I will send you an account when I get to the port. [*Ibid. No.* 198.]

Nov. 17. Whitehall. M. Wren to the Navy Commissioners. Care has been taken to furnish Commissioner Tippetts with power and instructions for his journey into Sherwood Forest and to Hull; as they are only general, if there is anything you would particularly recommend, you are to do so. I went with him to the Treasury, where we were promised that the order giving him power to fell trees should be despatched to-day. [*Ibid. No.* 199.]

Nov. 18. M. Wren to the Navy Commissioners. The Committee of Council for Navy Affairs intend to meet to-morrow, to consider the best way for supplying victuals to Sir Thos. Allin's fleet. I thought it fit to let you know, that you may judge whether one or two of you should attend. [*Ibid. No.* 200.]

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Nov. 18. Abra. Ansley to the Navy Commissioners. I want a dozen oars from Deptford for the *Roebuck*, and also orders as to her victualling, as she is now graved, and will be suddenly fitted. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 201.]

Nov. 18. Warrant for a charter of incorporation to the wheelwrights of London, Matt. Bateman to be the first master, naming also 2 wardens and 18 assistants. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 133.]

Nov. 18. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Sir Phil. Honeywood is recovering rapidly. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 202.]

Nov. 18. Harwich. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The Dutch, and one of the Harwich packet-boats have come in, with a few passengers. A boat is still missing, which is expected to have been forced into Norway by the westerly winds. [*Ibid. No.* 203.]

Nov. 19. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. There have 17 sail of ships arrived, most of them English from Bordeaux, &c., the rest French and Dutch; they are all waiting for a fair wind. [*Ibid. No.* 204.]

Nov. 19. Same to Williamson. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 205.]

[Nov. 19.] [Whitehall.] Petition of Capt. John Guillim, and Isabella his wife, daughter of Rob. Tyrwhitt, servant to the late King, to the King. Out of the portion of the latter, 300*l.* was lent to Sir Paul Pindar, Sir Job Harby and other Farmers of Customs, on a bond for 500*l.*, on which she obtained judgment in 1649 and 1650. On this 300*l.* was paid, but 200*l.* remains due, which the executors profess they have no assets to pay. Beg that as his Majesty is allowing treasure out of his own store for those debts still unpaid off, he would send a letter to the executors of Sir John Jacob, Sir Mich. Crisp, and Sir John Harrison, to pay the said 200*l.* with damages. [*Ibid. No.* 206.]

Nov. 19. Reference of the above petition to the Treasury Commissioners. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 81.]

Nov. 19. Whitehall. Proclamation for apprehension of Lewis Deval, *alias* Brown, and four other notorious robbers, and ordering greater diligence in apprehension of robbers. [*Similar to that of* 23 Dec. *Printed. S.P. Dom., Car. II., Proc. Coll. p.* 273.]

Nov. 19. Holborn. Jos. Ayloffe to Williamson. We want the King's signature and Royal assent to a decree made by us, as Commissioners of Sewers for the River Lee, and the bearer will be ready with the guineas. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 207.]

Nov. 19. Custom House, London. Certificate by Sir Jo. Wolstenholme, Farmer of the Customs, that he has received notice,—in pursuance of the Proclamation concerning the Acts of Navigation and Encouragement of Trade, dated 26 Aug. 1663,—from John Ellis, merchant of London, of his intention to load at Ostend, for London, in the *Hester* of Boston, 3 casks of nutmegs, and that the said John Ellis is hereby licensed to import the same. With note by [Rich. Bower, of Yarmouth, to Williamson]. What was chiefly alleged against the petitioner was a clause in the Act of Frauds, declaring that no sort of spice

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should be imported from Germany or the Netherlands, and this Act not being named in the Order in Council, nor mention made of any spice therein, the nutmegs were prohibited; yet the same thing is allowed to this day, and the proclamation gives liberty, in general terms, to import nutmegs, cinnamon, cloves, and mace from any ports beyond sea. I conceive therefore that these nutmegs must be included, and as the prosecutors pretend that no licences were granted by the proclamation, I got a friend to take this licence to disprove them. Endorsed by Williamson "Spices, &c., Yarmouth." [*Printed. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 208.]

Nov. 19. Chatham. Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. I gave a warrant for appraising the wreck of the *Defiance,* and intend putting her and the *Minion* up to sale on Thursday. I send a demand from Capt. Moorecock and Mr. Moore for 150*l.*, for arrears due to men employed on the wrecks, who cannot be discharged until it is sent down. I sent the bill of imprest for 100*l*, towards the charges of converting and bringing in Sir Roger Twisden's timber, to Edw. Gregory, who returned it, and begs that money may be sent, and he will readily obey your commands in its disposal.

Thomas Smith, boatswain of the *Dunkirk,* has been embezzling and selling some of the ropes; what course shall be taken with him and those that bought? The workmen are content to stay for their money till the end of the month, when I can spare all the pressed calkers till the new ship is calked; if they are needed at Deptford or Woolwich, I will send them up. The company of the *Little Lion* and *Francis* want money, having been in arrear ever since they were first ordered here. [*Ibid. No.* 209.] *Encloses,*

> *Affidavit by Thos. Woodyard and Francis Coleman, that they bought certain ropes of Thos. Smith, boatswain of the* Dunkirk, *for sums named.*—15 *Nov.* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 209I.]

Nov. 19. Warrant by the Navy Commissioners to the master attendant and clerk of the survey at Chatham, to issue canvas for making tarpaulins, &c., as occasion requires. [*Ibid. No.* 210.]

Nov. 19. Chatham. Col. Thos. Middleton to the Navy Commissioners. The books for the month's pay are ready; I propose payment of the last and this month's pay together. The horseboat is sent to Deptford for deals. The *Black Dog* hoy should bring the spars and deals ordered. Thirteen tons of ground tow has been taken away by Mr. Gould, and there are 40 tons left; let the persons who bought the other goods be quickened to fetch them away. I want your decision as to agreeing for blocks. Wm. Mingoe will pay the money when he comes to London; if you will let Mr. Griffin tell the party he is indebted to, I will undertake the payment of it for him, if it be but 50*l.* Fifty of Sir Roger Twisden's trees are felled, prove very good timber, and will make the new ship as firm a ship as ever was built.

I hope to have done my business here on Thursday night, and desire the sale of the *Defiance* on that day; I fear I shall want

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merchants to buy the *Minion* as she is appraised. I need money for the imprest bill sent to Mr. Gregory, that the King's business may not be retarded, &c. [5 *pages.* *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 211.]

Nov. 19. Chatham. Capt. Edw. Moorcock and John Moore to the Navy Commissioners. We entreat that 150*l.* may be imprested to Edw. Gregory, for defraying past charges, and carrying on the work on the wrecks. We have received no money towards the charge of blowing up the residue; the men have 6 weeks' pay due, and those who have trusted the service with materials want payment. [*Ibid. No.* 212.]

Nov. 19. Robert Mayors to [the Navy Commissioners]. A warrant is required to receive 20 loads of plank from Edw. Hulbert. [*Ibid. No.* 213.]

Nov. 20. Warrant to Sir Thos. Ingram, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, to pay 200*l.* to Edw. Dobson, Surveyor of the South Duchy of Lancaster, for his disbursements in the repair of the lodge belonging to East Bailey Walk, Enfield Chase. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 26, *f.* 68.]

Nov. $\frac{20}{30}$. Bruges. James Taaffe to Rob. Francis. I know not how to thank you for daily favours by means of Mr. Crane. I proffer my service, and kiss your hands. [*Italian. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 214.]

Nov. 20. Harwich. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The fair wind has brought in all the packet-boats. One was much damaged, and forced into the Vlie, where many vessels have been sunk by the foul weather. [*Ibid. No.* 215.]

Nov. 21. Lyme. Ant. Thorold to Hickes. The *Francis* of Lyme has arrived from Morlaix, and reports the publishing there, in all the churches and public places, of an order from the General of Brittany, commanding seamen, under a great penalty, to appear and be listed into the King's service, he intending to have at least one-third of those throughout his dominions in his pay; they have renewed the talk there as to taking off the tonnage from the English. A frigate of Havre de Grace, having the French King's commission, and bound for Bordeaux, has come in, and a vessel from Norway with deals. The *Charity* of London, from the Canaries, is in Torbay, waiting a wind to bring her into Lyme. [*Ibid. No.* 216.]

Nov. 21. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Has no news to send. [*Ibid. No.* 217.]

Nov. 21. Deal. Mor. Lodge to Williamson. Am I to return you the two packets, or wait an opportunity to forward them? [*Ibid. No.* 218.]

Nov. 21. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. Prince Robert's farthings are much talked of and desired, and it is reported that Parliament intends to set a fine upon all farthing and halfpenny coiners. A pleasure boat has sailed from the Downs, bound for Calais, to fetch the Duke of Lenox. [*Ibid. No.* 219.]

Nov. 21. Wareham. Thos. Adamson to Rob. Francis. I hope you and your lady will not forget former acquaintance, as I am coming to town, and shall wait upon you, and bring my friend Mr. Widdrington with me. [*Ibid. No.* 220.]

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Commissioner Thos. Middleton to the Navy Commissioners. I return a demand from Deptford; 60 loads of Mason's timber arrived, and is very good; he has 200 loads more, besides the 400 formerly mentioned; you may choose what you like, and I think you will do well to accept it; leather buckets are not needed. Particulars of the treenails in stores at the last survey; a supply of bells is wanted. [2½ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 221.]

Nov. 21.
Chatham.
Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. Not hearing from you as to lending the *Black Dog* hoy to Mr. Gould, I have despatched her to Deptford. I send the appraisement of the *Defiance* wreck, and intend to put her up for sale on Thursday next. [*Ibid. No.* 222.] *Enclosing,*

> *Certificate by Wm. Rand and* 3 *others, that the wreck of the* Defiance *in the Medway as she lies is worth* 255*l.*—20 *Nov.* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 222I.]

Nov. 21.
Portsmouth.
Capt. Ant. Deane to the Navy Commissioners. Vindication of my proceedings as a master shipwright; I defy my greatest enemies to speak the contrary. Finding you have fears of my fidelity, if they continue, I had rather lay down my charge than break my peace, it being of great injury to have my reputation in disdain, when my study has been to preserve it. If I have erred, show me my error.

The *Roebuck* is graved, her new mainmast set, and her other works will be done by Wednesday, but she has no order for provision, nor any beer brewed, which will delay her. The new ship is bolted, but needs plank, and the *Gloucester's* top timbers are all in. With note that the Board resolved to chide him severely for this letter; but he having come to town, they did it *vivâ voce.* [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 223.]

Nov. 21.
The *Roebuck*, Portsmouth.
Capt. Geo. Liddell to the Navy Commissioners. What time shall we receive pay for? Mr. Steventon, clerk of the cheque, says our pay books must be made several from year to year, and if so, they require 24 books. I will send you a general book by the next post, and prepare the others. The work goes forward on board, and I hope to be well fitted shortly. Capt. Ansley would have me take in 3 months' beer, but I only desire 2, as we shall have a great deal of dry provisions, our complement being enlarged. Let the beer be in iron-bound casks, being most convenient for our voyage. [*Ibid. No.* 224.]

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Court at Whitehall.
The King to George, Duke of Albemarle. You are to give order that Capt. Fras. Rainsford, lieutenant to Sir John Robinson's company in the Tower, be allowed to muster one man in each of the three companies, in consideration of the good services done, and to be done, by him as deputy-lieutenant. [*Ibid. No.* 225.]

[Nov. 21.] Draft of the above. [*Ibid. No.* 226.]

[Nov. 21.] The King to the Dean, &c., of St. Paul's. We recommend Dr. Fras. Turner, chaplain to the Duke of York, to the place residentiary

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now void by death of Dr. Rob. Pory, and request you to postpone the election till Dr. Turner has fitted himself to be chosen, according to statute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 19, *p.* 112.]

Nov. 21. Draft of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 227.]

[Nov. 21.] Whitehall. Warrant for a grant to Edward, Earl of Sandwich, of 2,200*l.* yearly from Wardrobe moneys, in lieu of the fees, &c., of the office of Keeper of the Great Wardrobe, and disposal of the house and tenements of the said office, granted in his patent of office, but suspended since Michaelmas 1667, from which date the grant takes place. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 228.]

Nov. 21. Entry of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 176.]

[Nov. 21.] Whitehall. Warrant for a grant to the burgesses, &c., of Llanvilling, co. Montgomery, of incorporation. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 229.] *Annexing,*

> *Heads of the charter desired by the said burgesses, confirming their former charters, with a few alterations and additions; giving the names of the present bailiffs and* 15 *burgesses, &c.* [*Ibid. No.* 229I.]

Nov. 21. Minute of the above warrant. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *p.* 177.]

Docquet of the above, dated 22 Dec. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 121.]

Nov. 22. The King to Lord Chief Justice Kelynge. Several Frenchmen having been committed to Hertford Gaol, on suspicion of a robbery near Hatfield, you are to order writs to the sheriff of Hertfordshire to deliver them to the sheriffs of London and Middlesex, in order to a speedy and fair trial. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, *f.* 38.]

Nov. 22. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Hickes. Several ships have arrived from Bordeaux; 60 sail came out together, some of whom have got to Plymouth. They speak of a street or two more having to be pulled down there, to finish the new citadel; the citizens are against the building of it, and wish it would all fall down, as part of it did, at which they all rejoiced. The part fallen will cost many thousand pounds to rebuild, and that which is finished has 30 guns planted upon it. We hear by some ships from the Downs, bound for France, of the arrival of some merchant ships in the Downs from the Straits, which in the night, shot many guns, and reported, as the cause, that Sir Thos. Allin had taken 4 Turkish men-of-war, and sunk 2 others. The *Cherry Tree* of Horne, with salt, wine, and brandy, has come in from the Lizard, having sprung her mast. There are 200 or 300 Dutchmen in Bordeaux river, proffering to freight [wine] for 6 livres per tun, but cannot get it. [1¼ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 230.]

Nov. 22. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. Arrival of ships from Bordeaux, Nantes, Gallipoli, and Zante; they report that the French King is preparing and fitting all his great ships, and that they have great expectations in the Straits. [*Ibid. No.* 231.]

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Nov. 23. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The Queen's frigate left the harbour, and will sail this afternoon from Spithead for the Thames. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 232.]

Nov. 23. Harwich. Silas Taylor to Williamson. A gentleman from Holland, who has been in most of the principal towns there, found them very apprehensive of a war with France; to that end they were entertaining officers for the forming of regiments, to whom they gave a considerable advance of money, on security to pass so many men to an appointed place by muster. He observed the people to be generally very poor, and the treasury rich, by the tax in the late war, which is to continue some years. Trade is not so brisk as formerly; the principal ships originally furnished with iron guns have had them changed into brass, and several great ships have been built. The Harwich packet-boats are expected. I have not yet received any of your private intelligence. With note by Hickes to Williamson, to order its weekly supply to Taylor, as well as to Portsmouth, Lyme, Weymouth, Plymouth, and Falmouth. [*Ibid. No.* 233.]

Nov. 23. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. The Bordeaux fleet, with the Dutch and French ships, have sailed up the Channel. A ship with masts from Norway, and another from a place unknown, have come in. [*Ibid. No.* 234.]

Nov. 23. Warrant for 100*l.* out of the privy seal dormant to Capt. Lawrence van Heemskerk, as the King's free gift. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 177.]

Nov. 23. Licence for Sir Philip Monckton, Bart., High Sheriff for Yorkshire, to live out of his county. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, *f.* 38.]

Nov. 23. Portsmouth. Roger Eastwood to the Navy Commissioners. We are in hand with the fitting of the rigging-house, and want 400 deals. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 235.]

Nov. 23. Navy Office. Certificate by John Godwin, that Rich. Spranger, purser of the *Charity,* has no account depending in this office, the ship being taken by the Dutch on 3 June 1665. [*Ibid. No.* 236.] *Annexed,*

> *Certificates by Thos. Lewis, as to credits given to Rich. Spranger upon his victualling accounts; with orders by the Navy Commissioners to Thos. Lewis thereon, to deliver up Spranger's bond.*—19 *Nov.* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 236I.]

Nov. 24. Chatham. Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. The day appointed for sale of the *Defiance* wreck would not have been so soon, had you not desired her sale before the Surveyor went from hence; shall I put it off till 1 Dec.? If you will send down the money for payment of the two months due to the workmen, Gregory will be ready with his books. Let the treasurers be ordered to pay the pressed calkers' arrears due in 1668, it being a small sum. I ordered the sawing out of fir timber for laying a part of the second gun deck of the new ship, not being well assured of getting spruce deals. The Surveyor and I treated with the blockmaker, but could come to no conclusion, he demanding 260*l.*; Edghill, blockmaker of Deptford, asks 220*l.*, and I believe he will do the work as well and as cheap as any, and may abate something of that price.

I shall follow your instructions concerning the boatswain of the *Dunkirk*, and the persons that bought the embezzled goods, and acquaint the companies of the *Francis* and *Lion* fireships, of your care for their pay. Mr. Usley has tendered 10 loads of plank at 4*l.* 5*s.* a load, and some spruce deals at 10*s.* each; I desire your pleasure therein. Let the Treasurers imprest 200*l.* to Gregory, for paying him and others that we have bought goods of, the 300*l.* being nearly paid away; we were forced to use 20*l.* of that money towards the charges of bringing in Sir Roger Twisden's timber. They are gone down with one chest to Mussell Bank, which will be the last we shall use here. Reed may be had here for 25*s.* per 1,000, or 27*s.* if they have to go to London for the money. [2 *pages.* *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 237.]

Nov. 24. Deptford. F. Hosier to the Navy Commissioners. Two bills of Mr. Foley's for spikes supplied were brought me, and I signed them with the rest of the officers, though contrary to reason; ordinary spikes are included with extra, and both cast up at the same rate, although by his contract, he is allowed less for the ordinary than the extra; by that means he gains 19*l.* 10*s.* more than his due. I let the bill pass, that I might beg your advice, as should I endeavour to hinder the officers, I should reap much envy and trouble. [*Ibid. No.* 238.]

Nov. 24. Licence for John Hall, High Sheriff of Wiltshire, to live out of his county. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, *p.* 38.]

Nov. 24. Whitehall. Petition of Arthur, Earl of Anglesey, Treasurer of the Navy, to the King. I think it my greatest misfortune to have fallen under your Majesty's displeasure, though not doubting that it will prove on examination to be undeserved. I will keep from the least suspicion of unfaithfulness, and beseech a restoration of your good opinion. As you were pleased, on my suspension from office a year ago, to declare that I should not lose to the value of 3*d.* in my fees, I beg an order to receive the profits due on payment made for the Navy, since 2 Nov. 1668, as a pledge that your Majesty has not cast me off. With order thereon granting the petition. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 82.]

Nov. 24. Court at Whitehall. Draft of the above reference; with note by Williamson that the order was drawn and corrected by the Lord Keeper. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 239.]

Nov. 24. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect as his letter to Hickes of the 22nd. I beg you to inform me privately when Parliament will raise money on any particular commodity. [1⅔ *pages.* *Ibid. No.* 240.]

Nov. 24. Milford. John Powell to Hickes. The *Jeremiah* of Bristol, bound for Bilbao, the *St. Anne* of Bordeaux for Chester, and the *Friendship* of London from Malaga, have put in by contrary winds. Pray forward the enclosed, and I will pay the postage. [*Ibid. No.* 241.]

1669.
Nov. 24.
Deal.
Rich. Watts to Williamson. Upwards of 60 vessels, mostly laden with wine from France and Spain, have sailed for London. Some letters report that Lord Howard is a prisoner under Taffaletta. A Dutch man-of-war has come in, who had 4 ships in convoy in the Straits, but meeting with 4 Turks, all the men left the merchant ships, and came aboard the man-of-war. The Turks fought the man-of-war, killed many men, and wounded 40, and carried away the merchant ships. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 267, *No.* 242.]

Nov. 24.
Lyme.
Ant. Thorold to Hickes. The *Charity* of London has arrived from the Canaries. She left 5 Londoners there, and reports that Sir Thos. Allin has taken 5 Turkish prizes, and that the vintage there is very bad. I have not received the news letters. With note by Hickes to Williamson, that he has had two complaints of the want of written news within a fortnight, namely from Ma. Anderton and [Silas] Taylor, and blames the clerks for it. [*Ibid. No.* 243.]

Nov. 24.
Yarmouth.
Leo. Bower to Williamson. Ten ships laden with herrings are waiting a fair wind to sail for the Straits, and others will soon be ready. [*Ibid. No.* 244.]

Nov. 24.
Whitehall.
Order in Council, on the petition of James Rodd, sheriff of Devon, for Lord Arlington to prepare a warrant authorising the petitioner to reside in Exeter during his shrievalty, he having dwelt there for many years. [*Ibid. No.* 245.]

Nov. 25.
Whitehall.
Reference to the Treasury Commissioners of the petition of Capt. Langston and Rich. Sadlington, for a lease of some tenements whereof King James granted a 60 years' lease, now almost expired, value 160*l.* a year. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 83.]

Nov. 25.
Order in Chancery, in the cause of Rich. Warren and Judith Shapton, on behalf of Jerome Smith, lunatic, *v.* Ambrose Benet, that the defendant deliver to the plaintiffs, as having charge of the lunatic, all goods, money, a diamond locket, deeds, evidences, &c., relating to the lunatic, and that the objections to Benet's accounts be immediately put in. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 268, *No.* 1.]

Nov. 25.
Portsmouth.
Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. There is no news to send. [*Ibid. No.* 2.]

[Nov. 25.]
Petition of Sir And. Riccard, and 19 other merchants trading for Sicily and other islands thereabouts, to the King, for appointment of Martin Wilkinson, resident in Sicily, as consul of the islands of Sicily, Malta, and Lipari, now destitute of a fit person, consuls being appointed in other places, for the better advancing and securing the commerce of this kingdom. [20 *signatures. Ibid. No.* 2A.]

Nov. 25.
London.
Earl of Winchelsea to Williamson. I spoke to Lord Arlington about making Wilkinson consul in those parts; he bade me inquire from you whether the place was disposed of, and if not, he should have it. I shall dine with Lord Arlington to-morrow; could you meet me there? If not, send a letter to the porter of Essex House for me. The office is but of little value, and he is the fittest person for it. [1¼ *pages. Ibid. No.* 2B.]

1669.

Nov. 25.
The *Roebuck*, Portsmouth.

Capt. Geo. Liddell to the Navy Commissioners. I am making up the books, as directed by Mr. Steventon, being 6 for each year. The ship is forward in being fitted, and there shall be no neglect on my side in getting things despatched. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 268, *No.* 3.]

Nov. 25.
Harwich.

Nicholas Weymouth, master of the *Black Post Horse* hoy, to the Navy Commissioners. I was put into Harwich by stress of weather, but will sail the first wind. [*Ibid. No.* 4.]

Nov. 25.
Deptford.

Jonas Shish to the Navy Commissioners. We have no need of the calkers who are to be cleared at Chatham, and I judge it is the same at Woolwich; we can spare 6 of the 13 we have here for 2 months. [*Ibid. No.* 5.]

Nov. 26.
Victualling Office.

Sir Denis Gauden to [the Navy Commissioners]. I will do what I can to provide and ship victuals for 1,800 men for 2 months, for Sir Thos. Allin's fleet, but I cannot say when they will be ready, unless I have money to provide them, being so far exhausted by disbursements that I cannot do what I have done, and would readily do again, to promote the service. [*Copy, the original being sent to his Royal Highness. Ibid. No.* 6.]

Nov. 26.
Colchester.

Margaret Bland to Williamson. Though a stranger to you, yet believing you combine goodness with greatness, nothing was so prevailing with me in bestowing my dearest child upon your kinsman, as his relation to you, being persuaded that you much resembled your elder brother in heaven, the blessed Jesus, who casting an eye of love upon a disciple that was taking destructive courses, made him good and penitent in an instant. I hope therefore that you will once more cast a favourable aspect upon that person, who is overwhelmed with grief for the evil he has done in rebelling against an honourable brother and his best friend, and let him have a favourable reception and be employed. This is the request of a desolate widow, a mourning orphan, and a penitent relation. More we cannot expect, and less will never make us happy. [*Ibid. No.* 7.]

Nov. 26./Dec. 6.
Recollects Convent, Ypres.

Fras. Crane to Rob. Francis. I must apologise for sending so large a packet, but being at the grate with the nuns, they desired me to send some letters for them. [*Ibid. No.* 8.]

Nov. 26.
Plymouth.

John Clarke to Williamson. A ship has arrived from the Canaries, and one from France. [*Ibid. No.* 9.]

Nov. 26.
Treasury Chambers.

Sir Geo. Downing to Williamson. The Treasury Commissioners desire you will inform Lord Arlington that Lord Fauconberg has consented to the 60*l.* for the King's picture being left out of his docquet, and that the privy seal may be made so, and then they will sign the docquet. [*Ibid. No.* 10.]

Nov. 26.

Certificate by Hen. Helton, and 6 other justices of peace of Sudbury, Suffolk, to the King, that John Catesby of Sudbury, who has been elected town clerk and clerk of the peace for the borough, is a fit and proper person for the same. [*Ibid. No.* 11.]

1669.

Nov. 26. "A true copy of a clause in the draft of the charter of Hull," drawn by the Attorney-General, that on the death of Wm. Lister, the present Recorder, the King will appoint some other man, learned and discreet in the laws, as Recorder, to be sworn in before the Mayor and burgesses. [2 *sheets. Latin. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 268, *No.* 12.]

Nov. 26. Order in the Court of Chancery, on petition of Jerome Smith, that the exceptions to Sir John Coell's report of 26 July may be set down to be heard 18 Dec., the last day after this term, for remaining exceptions. [*Ibid. No.* 13.]

Nov. 26. Warrant for authorising Sir Hen. Palmer, Bart., of Wingham, Kent, to convey to Henry, Lord Arlington, the reversion and freehold of the prebend manor of Tottenhall, otherwise called Tottenham Court, co. Middlesex, demised by Dr. Sam. Baker, prebendary, on 9 July 1640, to Sir Hen. Vane and Sir Thos. Jermyn, in trust for the Crown, and after several demises stated, the interest remains with the said Sir Hen. Palmer. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 135.]

Nov. 27. Whitehall. Warrant for a confirmation to Sir Rob. Pye, owner of the estate, the manor, and hundred of Farringdon, extending into the towns of Great and of Little Farringdon, and into other towns and tithings, formerly belonging to Beaulieu monastery, co. Hants, of sundry privileges royal and jurisdictions therein, as the holding of courts, view of frankpledge, assize of bread, election of constables, waifs and strays, treasure-trove, felons' goods, &c., as amply as held by former possessors thereof. [*Ibid. f.* 136.]

Nov. 27. Licence for Sir Geo. Lane to come over and stay [in England] during the King's pleasure. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, *f.* 40.]

Nov. 27. Deal. Mor. Lodge to Williamson. I delivered the two packets, one for Sir Thos. Allin and the other for Sir Edw. Spragg, to the commander of the *Rose and Crown*, which has sailed from the Downs this night. The news-letters promised do not sometimes arrive for 2 or 3 weeks. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 268, *No.* 14.] *Annexing,*

> *Receipt by Thos. Ward, commander of the* Rose and Crown, *for the said two packets.—Nov.* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 14I.]

Nov. 27. Deal. Rich. Watts to Williamson. The wind having shifted, 20 ships have sailed westward, but 7 from Yarmouth, laden with herrings, bound for the Straits, ride fast to make up the fleet; one convoy is come in, and another of the King's ships is expected, to see them to their ports. [*Ibid. No.* 15.]

Nov. 27. Holyrood House. Earl of Lauderdale to Williamson. Thanks for your constant care in sending news-letters and extracts; I beg a continuance of them. What passes here is not worth sending, but I forwarded you a printed copy of the Act asserting the King's supremacy in ecclesiastical matters, and also an Act for the militia. We are at a stand as to the Union, because the English Parliament has not yet taken it into consideration. I will do what I can to forward the motion, and what is done Sir Ro. Murray shall report. [*Ibid. No.* 16.]

1669.

Nov. 27. *Fanfan*, Downs.

Capt. John Kelsy to the Navy Commissioners. Pray accept a bill for 5*l.* to Wm. Harper of Deal, for a boat 18 feet long, we having towed the stem out of our own boat, in making sail after a French shallop off Dungeness; the boat being big, was at the stern, we having no room for it on deck. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 268, *No.* 17.]

Nov. 27. Chatham.

Thos. Tunbridge and John Chapman to [Middleton and Cox]. The erection of a building on the vacant ground lying between the storehouses, uniform to the others, with provisions and workmanship, will amount to 1,942*l.*, and the new making of the wharf by the side of the storehouses to 900*l.* [*Ibid. No.* 18.]

Nov. 27.

M. Wren to the Navy Commissioners. You must see to the victualling of the *Roebuck;* being ordered upon a service which requires all possible haste, she is to be in the Downs by Thursday. [*Ibid. No.* 19.]

Nov. 27. Ordnance Office.

Edw. Sherburne and Jonas Moore to the Navy Commissioners. We desire to know whether you have not already cleared and paid Capt. Giles Bond, of the *Harwich* hoy, for all wages and victuals while employed in 1665 weighing the guns of the *London,* he having obtained a verbal order from his Royal Highness to the Ordnance Commissioners for 77*l.* 15*s.* for victuals for pressed men. [*Ibid. No.* 20.]

Nov. 27. *Sapphire*, Downs.

Capt. John Pearce to the Navy Commissioners. We want a cable and foresail, having strained our best bower cables and had our head almost washed away, off the Kentish Knock. [*Ibid. No.* 21.]

Nov. 27. Portsmouth.

St. J. Steventon and Hugh Salesbury to the Navy Commissioners. We must vindicate ourselves against the charge made by one Lucas of this place, of our embezzling stores for the use of a ship of ours. We have no part in the ship, but at request of the owners, who were in London, we provided some spruce deals of Sir Wm. Warren's, and some plank, &c., from Chris. Coles. Some time after the vessel was launched, Lucas went to Mr. Salesbury in the Custom House, and abused him very greatly; the noise coming to the ears of the neighbours and the guard, they came and parted them, and have given evidence on oath of the affront and injury done to Salesbury, which Lucas repeated; thereupon complaint was made to the justices, whereof Mr. Steventon is one, who with the rest, committed Lucas to the common gaol, until he found securities for his good behaviour; these he has since forfeited, by coming to the Town Hall in a tumultuous manner, and there, before the Mayor and others, saying we had stolen a mast out of the King's stores for the vessel; upon this we have arrested him, and it is our following him by proceedings at law that makes him accuse us so unjustly. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 22.]

Nov. 28. Portsmouth.

Roger Eastwood to the Navy Commissioners. I send an account of deals bought by Commissioner Tippetts, the greater part of which were used on board the *St. Michael.* I suppose we have 300 left, which if we should use, the joiners would want them for the ships in hand. We will lay the floor of the rigging-house this week, and endeavour to fit it as soon as we can. I have sent to Mr. Coles about the plank, and to [South] Hampton and Cowes about tar and deals. [*Ibid. No.* 23.]

1669.

Nov. 28. The *Roebuck*, Portsmouth Harbour. Capt. George Liddell to the Navy Commissioners. I sent a general book, and have begun the pay books according to Mr. Steventon's directions, which will be finished by Tuesday, when I will send copies. I have received his Royal Highness's orders to sail, and shall make all despatch. Let my victuals be good, for upon every victualling for the last 12 months, they have been very bad. I have been forced to throw overboard above 1 cwt. of cheese, not fit to eat, and I had 7 or 8 cwt. of bread, musty and damaged, which I sent ashore to the victualler, who would not meddle with it. Let a survey be made upon it, that I may get an allowance for that and other provisions, not fit to be spent, as it is a great loss to me. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 268, *No.* 24.]

Nov. 28. Chatham. Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. I will put up bills for sale of the *Defiance* on 8 Dec.; I have disposed of the *Minion* to Capt. Sartan. He would forego his bargain, now he has seen the sails and other things belonging to her, but I told him he cannot be released of it; he desires he may not have the trouble of bringing the money to London, but pay it here.

The spruce deals arrived, and I will buy Mr. Lewsley's, but shall want more for the new ship and the *Newcastle.* I have done at the Mussle Bank, and shall begin at Gillingham. Mr. Gregory has not been furnished with the 150*l.* demanded by Capt. Moorecock and Mr. Moore, and requires a supply for the carriage of Sir Roger Twisden's timber, and for discharging men from the wrecks. Shall I discharge the pressed calkers, or send them up to Deptford? The *Macklier* and *Black Post Horse* have arrived; what am I to do with them when unlivered? Have you any need of the horse boat? [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 25.] *Enclosing,*

> *Agreement with Capt. Stephen Sartan, for purchase of the* Minion *wreck for* 18*l.* [*Ibid. No.* 25I.]

Nov. 28. Dispensation for Sir Sam. Jones, High Sheriff of Oxfordshire, to repair to London, or elsewhere, as he thinks fit. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 136.]

Nov. 28. Information in the King's Bench Court, in the case of the King *v.* Rob. Wright and others of the County Palatine of Chester, for assembling in Tarvin parish, and riotously attacking an enclosure near Kellinrough, *alias* Brer[eton] Castle, near Delamere Forest, and breaking down a stone wall belonging to Rich. Glent, husbandman. [*Latin. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 268, *No.* 26.]

Nov. 28. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Has no news to send. [*Ibid. No.* 27.]

Nov. 29. Yarmouth. Leo. Bower to Williamson. Eight ships have sailed for the Straits, and 10 or 12 more are ready to follow. I beg the delivery of an enclosure to my father. [*Ibid. No.* 28.]

Nov. 29. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. A Hamburg boy has run aground between Deal and Sandwich. The ships in the Downs ride secure, notwithstanding the violent storm and rain last night. [*Ibid. No.* 29.]

1669.

Nov. 29. Pendennis. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. Arrival and departure of ships. I have several times received papers from you directed to Mr. Powell, Pendennis, but we have no such person here. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 268, *No.* 30.]

Nov. 29. Downs. Capt. John Pearce of the *Sapphire* to the Navy Commissioners. I desire a cable of 14 inches, with a fore course. We have begun to eat our sea provisions. [*Ibid. No.* 31.]

Nov. 29. The *Roebuck*, Portsmouth Harbour. Capt. George Liddell to the Navy Commissioners. I have sent some pay books, and will forward the remainder to-morrow. I am proceeding with the fitting, and hope to get to Spithead by Thursday. [*Ibid. No.* 32.]

Nov. 30. Fr. Sprigg to Thos. Hayter. Acquaint the Navy Commissioners that the order for victualling the *Roebuck* has been sent to Portsmouth. [*Ibid. No.* 33.]

Nov. 30. Victualling Office. Sir Denis Gauden to the Navy Commissioners. I sent an order for victualling the *Roebuck*, and it will be shortly effected. [*Ibid. No.* 34.]

Nov. 30. Victualling Office. Same to the Same. Having lately had assurance of a speedy supply of money, the beef and pork for 1,800 men for 2 months, under the command of Sir Thos. Allin, will be ready to ship this week; and if not impeded by want of money, the other provisions may all be shipped by 14 December, for which vessels must be provided. [*Ibid. No.* 35.] *Encloses,*

> *Estimates of the tonnage of dry provisions for victualling* 1,800 *men, and for* 4 *ships with* [*victuals for*] 800 *men, for* 6 *months.* [*Ibid. No.* 35I.]

Nov. 30. Thos. Tunbridge and John Chapman to [the Navy Commissioners]. The charge for making a new wharf on the ground at the back of the ropehouse will amount to 2,607*l.*, and for completing a storehouse, 570*l.* [*Ibid. No.* 36.]

Nov. 30. Dispensation for Sir Chas. Lloyd, Bart., High Sheriff of Montgomeryshire, to repair into Shropshire or elsewhere. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 136.]

Nov. 30. Pass for 4 horses for Sieur de Overkirk to Holland. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 177.]

Nov. 30. Warrant to Sir John Bennet to preserve the game at Welby, co. Leicester, and 6 miles round. Minute. [*Ibid. f.* 183.]

Nov. 30. Caveat in favour of Father Patrick and Mr. Chiffinch, that nothing pass of the estate of John Lambry of Tavistock, co. Devon, who cut his throat, and of the estate, &c., of ——— Denish of Farringdon, merchant, who hanged himself. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 32, *p.* 7.]

Nov. 30. Certificate by Sir John Frederick, J.P. of London, that Benjamin Benson, an alien, appeared before him, and took the oath of allegiance and supremacy. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 268, *No.* 37.]

1669.
Nov. 30. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. The Hamburg hoy, laden with oats, lead, and timber, which was cast away, is breaking up. Two Hamburghers who came over in her are going to serve the French King. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 268, *No.* 38.]

Nov. 30. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Roebuck* is ready to sail; Sir Phil. Honeywood is recovering slowly. [*Ibid. No.* 39.]

Nov. 30. Harwich. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Thanks for the weekly news. The Harwich and Dutch packet-boats have come in, also a large hoy bound for Denmark by that Ambassador's order. We have had a great storm of wind and rain. [*Ibid. No.* 40.]

Nov. 30. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. A French man-of-war of 24 guns came in from Rochelle, and sailed again for Havre de Grace; a vessel of Plymouth has arrived from Jamaica. [*Ibid. No.* 41.]

Nov. 30. Southampton. Wm. Miles to Williamson. I would remind you of your promise when at Southampton, to procure me a living. Our University relationship being paternal and filial, you cannot bestow it on any of your sons that wants it so much. My labour here is insupportable, and the income very slender. [*Ibid. No.* 42.]

Nov. 30. Whitehall. Petition of James Pearse, Surgeon, to the King, for continuance for life of his salary of 10*l.* a month as Surgeon-General of the Fleet, which post he occupied at the Restoration, and in several voyages since, particularly in the late wars against the Dutch; since the end of the Dutch war, the Commissioners and Treasurers of the Navy have refused to pay the salary.

With reference thereon to the Treasury Commissioners, on consultation with the Navy Commissioners. Endorsed with a note that the petition and paper were read 7 Dec., postponed to 13 Dec., and then referred to the Navy Commissioners, to consider whether such an officer has been formerly or is now necessary, and what should be allowed; and order, 25 Jan. 1670, on the Navy Commissioners' report, that a warrant be passed, constituting the petitioner Surgeon of the Fleet, at the salary mentioned. [*Ibid. No.* 43. *These endorsements are entered by mistake on a letter of James Pearse of* 2 *Dec*, *No.* 86, *p.* 601 *infra.*] *Annexing,*

> *Report of the Navy Commissioners on the above petition,* 18 *Jan.* 1670, *that the increase of the Navy increases necessary charges, and that now there is frequent need of a surgeon, to take care of men hurt by accident, and sick men brought from ships; to testify to the sufficiency of men recommended by the Surgeons' Company; and to settle the value of medicaments, &c., of surgeons who die at sea. Also when fleets go abroad, an able surgeon is needed to provide medicaments suited for the diseases incident to foreign climates. They think however that some difference should be made between the* 130*l.*, *the petitioner's salary as surgeon when in the fleet, and that when on shore, which they propose to be* 100*l.* [*Ibid No.* 43I.]

Nov. 30. Entry of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 84.]

1669.

[Nov.] Petition of Rich. Freeman to Lord Arlington, a Governor of Sutton's Hospital, for redress. Was admitted to the said hospital on 2nd Nov., but his certificate postponed; on again applying for it, found that though he was registered and entered, the place was given, by illegal combination, to a nominee of the Queen Mother, who was not of age for admission, and who had forfeited his privilege by non-appearance. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 268, *No.* 44.]

[Nov.] The King to Attorney-General Palmer. The late King, on 1 July 1630, granted Denmark House, *alias* Somerset House, with all its goods, chattels, furniture, &c., to the late Queen Mother; on her decease, by warrant of 1 Oct. 1669, you were ordered to prepare a grant of it to the present Queen Consort; in that grant you are to include all the goods, chattels, household stuff, &c., mentioned in 2 books of inventories thereof formerly taken. [*Ibid. No.* 45.]

Nov. Docquet of the above grant, including therein 24 tenements adjoining, the upper houses and the tennis court. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 114.]

Nov. Warrant to pay to Wm. Ashburnham, cofferer of the household, 100,000*l.* on account, for the expenses of the year ending Sept. 1670, and 10,000*l.* for interest on moneys borrowed. [*Ibid. No.* 105.]

Nov. Presentation of Thos. Rous, M.A., to the vicarage of Holbeton co. Devon, void by the death of Wm. Phillips. [*Ibid. No.* 106.]

Nov. Warrant to discharge Sir John Langham, Bart., of Cottesbrook, co. Northampton, of 1,095*l.* payable for his dignity of baronet. [*Ibid. No.* 108.]

Nov. Warrant to pay to Lord Fauconberg 1,000*l.* for his expenses in his way to Venice; also 60*l.* for the King's picture at length; both without account. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. Warrant to pay to Wm. Clayton, musician in ordinary, in place of Edw. Coleman deceased, 40*l.* yearly. [*Ibid. No.* 109.]

Nov. Warrant to the Master of the Great Wardrobe for the allowance of a livery of 16*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* to Wm. Clayton. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. Grant during pleasure to George Smyth, on surrender by Samuel Trist, of the place of serjeant-at-arms; fee 3*s.* a day and 2*s.* 6*d.* board wages. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. Warrant to pay to the Earl of Ancram 1,000*l.* without account, out of the profits of the tin formerly cast away before Ostend. [*Ibid. No.* 110.]

Nov. Grant to Silvester Dennis, merchant, on surrender of Eleanor Villiers, daughter of the late Sir Edw. Villiers, of the yearly rent of 500*l.* from the moiety of the profits of the New River, on determination of a former grant thereof for 41 years to John Buckworth, merchant. [*Ibid. No.* 111.]

1669.
Nov. Grant to Edw. Philipps of pardon for all felonies and robberies committed before 1 April last. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 112.]

Nov. Grant to Major John Haslewood of the household goods belonging to the late Sir Arthur Haselrigg, Bart., vested in his Majesty because of his being excepted out of the Act of Oblivion. [*Ibid. No.* 113.]

Nov. Grant to Sir Edmond Turner and Phil. Marsh, on surrender of Charles, Lord Cornwallis, and John Dawes, of the office of Surveyor of the Customs in the out ports. [*Ibid. No.* 114.]

Nov. Constitution of John Trelawney to be Commissioner for Appeals for regulating the duty of excise, salary 200*l.* a year. [*Ibid.*]

[Nov.] Application for a warrant, granting to Sir Edm. Wyndham the goods and chattels of Henry Ellis, *alias* Sutler, who has been found by a coroner's inquest to have committed suicide by drowning. Ellis being a tenant of Sir Edm. Wyndham's, his goods have become forfeited to him as Lord of the Manor of Tale, Payhembury parish, co. Devon; but as some one may sue for the same in the name of the King, as Lord Paramount, to avoid all disputes, it has been agreed by Sir Edm. Wyndham to give 40*l.* to the Lord Almoner, out of any benefit arising from such grant. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 268, *No.* 46.]

[Nov.] List of the 48 Lieutenants of London, 7 of whom—among which is Sir Sam. Sterling, Lord Mayor—are to be of the quorum. [*Ibid. No.* 47.]

Nov. Particulars of sums of money to be deducted for overcharge, out of bills passed to Mr. Foley for ironwork, between April and Nov. 1669; total, 54*l.* 1*s.* 8¾*d.* [2¼ *pages. Ibid. No.* 48.]

Nov. Note by Rob. Mayors of timber bought by him, for carved work for a new ship building at Deptford, at 39*s.* 6*d.* a load, ready money. [*Ibid. No.* 49.]

Nov. The "orderly at Portsmouth" to Commissioner Tippetts. Our provision is old, salted meat, and part of it stinking; we have had no fresh or perfectly sweet meat for 18 months, and no necessary money for ten months. We beg better provisions, and better payment of our money. Signed by Rob. Small and 3 others [*Ibid. No.* 50.]

Nov. Levant Company to Consul [Benj.] Lannoy. We have reinstated Martin Loe as factor marine, in the place of [Wm.] Frampton, deceased, he having promised punctual compliance for the future, and given security, and he is now ready to depart. As Loe is obliged to keep the houses in repair, we desire you to see that they have been left so by Frampton; and if not, that they are put in repair out of his estate, and kept so by his successors for the future. [*Levant Papers, Vol.* 5, *p.* 227.]

[Nov.] Oxford. *Epicedia*, or Elegies composed by members of the University of Oxford, on the death of Henrietta Maria, Queen Mother. [*Latin,*

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Greek, and Arabic. Printed. 64 *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 268, *No.* 51.]

Nov. Deal. Lists sent by Morgan Lodge to Williamson, of King's and merchant ships in the Downs, and the state of the wind.

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52	Nov. 1	2	10	—	64	Nov. 14	1	1	N.N.W.
53	„ 2	2	15	S.W.	65	„ 15	1	3	N.
54	„ 3	4	16	W.	66	„ 15	1	13	S.W.
55	„ 4	2	22	W.S.W.	67	„ 17	1	1	S.
56	„ 5	2	21	W.N.W.	68	„ 18	1	—	S.E.
57	„ 6	2	22	—	69	„ 19	1	—	S.E.
58	„ 7	2	25	S.W.	70	„ 20	1	—	S.
59	„ 8	2	28	W.S.W.	71	„ 21	1	—	W.
60	„ 9	2	28	S.W.	72	„ 22	1	9	W.N.W.
61	„ 10	2	28	N.	73	„ 24	1	14	S.W.
62	„ 12	2	29	W.S.W.	74	„ 27	1	—	N.E.
63	„ 13	2	38	W.	75	„ 30	1	13	W.

Dec. 1. Affidavit by Isabella, wife of Capt. John Guillim, before Thos. Estcourt, Master in Chancery, that 300*l.* of her portion was lent to Sir Paul Pindar, Sir Job Harby, and other Farmers of the Customs to Charles I., and it was alleged by them to have been advanced upon the farm, for the repayment of which they bound themselves to her, she being then sole, by bond in 500*l.* penalty. That she obtained judgment against Sir Paul Pindar in 1650 for 500*l.* and costs; also in 1649 a judgment against Sir Job Harby for the same amount, which judgments are still in force, and that 200*l.* is still owing, besides damages. [*Copy. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 268, *No.* 76.]

Dec. 1. Court at Whitehall. Petition of John Powell to the King, for a dispensation to hold the rectories of Lapworth, co. Warwick, and Stourmouth, co. Kent. I married a daughter of Dr. [Morgan] Wynn, Archdeacon of Lincoln, who for his loyalty in the rebellion, suffered a long imprisonment and sequestration, and was subsequently barbarously murdered by a soldier, whereby my wife was reduced to great extremities. I am rector of Lapworth, a small benefice in co. Warwick, diocese Worcester, wherein are great dilapidations, and in compassion for the widow of the late incumbent, he dying before harvest, I allowed her the whole year's profit. With reference thereon to Walter, Bishop of Oxford, and his report, 3 Dec., in favour of the petitioner, he giving security to resign Lapworth before the Feast of St. Michael 1671. [*Ibid. No.* 77.]

Dec. 1. Entry of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 84.]

Dec. 1. Petition of the Bristol merchants to the King and Council, for confirmation and enlargement of their charters for trading into the Levant, the Levant merchants not having appeared, as summoned, on the settlement of the business. Trade would be much advantaged thereby, as clothiers complain greatly of having to send their cloth to Blackwell Hall, and of the sole contraction of the Turkey and Hamburg trade in cloth to the merchants of London, who often drive the Bristol merchants to sell their cloth below cost price. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 268, *No.* 78.] *Annexing,*

> *Reasons offered by the said merchants in favour of their petition, showing the great advantages it would give to trade and revenue. With inducements to grant it, and the regulations to which they propose to submit.* [*Ibid. No.* 78I.]

Dec. 1. Court at Whitehall. Order in Council, on a petition of the Governor and Company of the New River, brought from Chadwell and Amwell to London, for the royal assent to a decree made by the Commissioners of Sewers, and referred 24 Nov. last to the Attorney-General—on his report that the 2 pipes to convey the river Lee to the New River should be 6 and 8 inches bore, and that the company should set up and maintain a turnpike at their own charge, to raise the Lee high enough to pass through the pipes, and that this decree should be recorded in Chancery—that the royal assent be given, and the decree committed to the Petty Bag for enrolment accordingly. [*Ibid. No.* 79.]

Dec. 1. Warrant to the Duke of York, to order the Navy Treasurers to pay 100*l.* to Tabitha, widow of John Parker, late captain of the *Yarmouth* frigate, for her relief. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 26, *f.* 69.]

Dec. 1. Pembroke. Jo. Powell to Williamson. These parts afford no news. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 268, *No.* 80.]

Dec. 1. Weymouth. John Pocock to Hickes. A ship built in Holland, belonging to the French King, laden with masts from Norway, has sailed for Brest. A Newfoundland vessel has arrived from Oporto, and reports that fish sells low in Portugal; another has come in from Bordeaux. [*Ibid. No.* 81.]

Dec. 1. Chatham. Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. I have received the imprest bills for Mr. Gregory. I will hasten away the *Macklier* and *Black Post Horse*, when the timber is delivered. As the 2 months' pay for the workmen of the yard will not be here till the end of the week, I will wait on you on Friday or Saturday. [*Ibid. No.* 82.]

Dec. 1. Downs. Capt. John Pearce to the Navy Commissioners. I have not received the cable or sail; as we entered into sea victuals on 22 Nov., we could take in more if ordered. Here are 12 sail of herring men, and 9 more to come from Yarmouth. [*Ibid. No.* 83.]

Dec. 1. Capt. Ant. Deane to [the Navy Commissioners]. Mr. Eastwood not being at home, I went myself to view Mr. Coles' timber, and marked out what is fit for the service, but I did not contract, Commissioner Tippetts being absent. The price is 4*l.* 2*s.* a load, which is very reasonable for such good timber. I desire speedy directions, there being very great want of it. [*Ibid. No.* 84.]

Dec. 1. Thos. Turner to Thos. Hayter. Pray procure a warrant for half a ton of junk, to be delivered to Mrs. Chip to pick; she served black oakum into the stores, when nobody else would trust, and to her great grief, is yet unpaid. I would willingly serve her, but Mr. Surveyor will have only the women of Deptford to do it. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 268, *No.* 85.]

Dec. 2. Navy Office. Navy Commissioners to James Pearse. It is proposed that a recruit of medicaments be provided for Sir Thos. Allin's fleet, which is likely to stay abroad much longer than was at first foreseen. You are therefore to give your opinion as to what further supplies will be required, and as to the charge. [*Ibid. No.* 86. *The endorsements on this letter belong to the petition of James Pearse, p.* 596 *supra.*]

Dec. 2. M. Wren to the Navy Commissioners. His Royal Highness approves your proposal to stop part of the officers' pay belonging to the *Roebuck*, that the voyage may be continued, and would have you stop as many months' as you think fit; but if the ship is likely to make any stay for it, send your directions to Portsmouth by an express; the *Sapphire* sails from the Downs on Sunday, and his Royal Highness would have the *Roebuck* accompany her. [*Ibid. No.* 87.]

Dec. 2. H. Aldrich to Pepys. Lord Berkeley desires you will send to the master that builds the new ship, to know what ordnance should be provided for her, that they may be got ready. [*Ibid. No.* 88.]

Dec. 2. Portsmouth. Abr. Ansley, master attendant, to the Navy Commissioners. I surveyed the *Roebuck's* bread, and find no just cause to cast it, so I have left it to be spent. She will have the major part of her provisions aboard to-day, and sail for Spithead to-morrow. I have prevailed with Mr. Newland of Cowes for 3 barrels of tar for the *Roebuck*, having none in the stores. [*Ibid. No.* 89.]

Dec. 2. Portsmouth. Roger Eastwood to the Navy Commissioners. Particulars of timber, tar, pitch, &c., to be had of Mr. Coles at prices named. [*Ibid. No.* 90.]

Dec. 2. Thos. Lewis to Thos. Hayter. I find Giles Bond, master of the *Harwich* hoy, charged with its victualling from Jan. 1665 to Aug. 1666, and for 4½ months he had 25 men employed, I suppose in weighing the wrecks. He has not cleared his accounts for that vessel, nor for the victualling of the *Hope* galliot, of which he was likewise master. The accounts for the *George* and *London Merchant* are drawn up. [*Ibid. No.* 91.]

Dec. 2. Woolwich. Edw. Byland to the Navy Commissioners. I have addressed you several times, for necessaries for carrying on the works of the new ship, and hope I shall not be obstructed for want of them. I desire you will order Mr. Mayors to look out such timber as he can procure; I have made him sensible of what is wanted. If a speedy course is not taken for completing and launching, both her bilge and keel will be shifted; and being elm wood, they are subject to decay. [*Ibid. No.* 92.]

Dec. 2. The *Roebuck*, Portsmouth. Capt. George Liddell to the Navy Commissioners. The frigate is fitted and ready to go to Spithead, but the provisions are not ready, the meat being newly killed. I hope to have all on board

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by Saturday, and meet the *Sapphire,* which is detained in the Downs 3 days longer. I desire the victualler may be ordered to pay me adze money; it was never denied till last time, and I shall want it for cooper's stores. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 268, *No.* 93.]

Dec. 2. *Resolution,* Alicant Road. Sir Thos. Allin to the Navy Commissioners. Detailed particulars of the proceedings of the fleet, between 14 Oct. and 1 Dec. We spied a sail on 19 Oct., which we cut off from getting to Algiers, so they ran under Montefuse and set her on fire, they getting all ashore in their boats. The *Deptford* ketch got near her, but dared not adventure to send a boat until all her masts were fallen down, when they attempted it, and beat out the fire in part, so that they could get some poor jack out of her, which was roasted and boiled to their hands; they ventured to clap men into her, and the ketch towed her off burning; but night coming on, and a hard gale of wind, we left her burning; she was a small pink of 40 tons from Newfoundland.

On 26 Nov. we got to Algiers, and I sent my boat with a white flag, and some letters from prisoners aboard, to the Duan, who refused to change any. I also wrote to the Consul to know how they used him; he answered that they gave him his liberty, and that the worst was that their ships had fallen in with a part of our Newfoundland men, taken some and burnt some, and also taken Capt. Beck in a pink laden with fruit. On 1 Dec. we anchored in Alicant road. The *Portsmouth* and *Milford* met 2 Algerines off Malaga, one great and one small, and took the small one; coming about Cape Palos, they met a small Turk that the *Bristol* and the *Deptford* ketch were chasing, forced him into Alicant Bay, and took him.

I shall get in my beverage, and sail towards Cape Martin, to join Capt. Clerk, and go over to the coast of Algiers, to meet those pirates [going] homewards. I desire you to send some masts, blocks, &c., with provisions, and a person to succeed Capt. Caslik [Carslake ?], he being weary of his employment as keeper of the stores; whomever you send, he will have need of a clerk to keep the accounts. [4 *pages. Ibid. No.* 94.]

Dec. 2. The *Resolution.* Sir Thos. Allin to Williamson. I wrote you on 27 October, when Sir Edw. Spragg went from Port Mahon to his station in the Straits. On the 31st, I despatched the *Milford* and *Pearl* to find Capt. Clerk; on 2 Nov. we careened this ship, but with much difficulty. On 5 Nov. Capt. Holmes went to sea, to meet Capt. Clerk for orders. On the 19th, having got the *Portland, Foresight,* and *Little Victory* ready, we warped out, and on the 20th set sail, and got clear of the land, and I proposed to Capts. Hart and Hayward to go to Algiers before Alicant. On the 24th we chased some vessels, but lost them. The 26th we got into Algiers Bay, and I sent my yawl ashore with a white flag, and a letter to the Consul, offering to exchange slaves, but more desirous to gain intelligence.

The Consul had no news of the Algiers men-of-war taken, but said that they had captured 12 Newfoundland men, 5 whereof were then in harbour; that they had burned one English ship of 24 guns, out of which they had saved 25 men, and had brought Beck, an

Englishman, with his ship bound from Lipari to England, into Algiers; and that he had spoken about the exchange of prisoners with Alli Aga, who refused to do it. We then ranged the coast of Barbary as far as Oran, and stood for the Christian shore, and made the land about Cape Palos.

1 Dec., I came into Alicant Road, where I met some Newfoundland ships, and had an account of their *rencontre* with the Turks, which is very different from that of Algiers. They agree that one English ship was burned and 6 taken, whereof 3 were retaken by our men. The death of Capt. Hubbard, killed with a small shot, was the greatest loss; to his over much courage the masters of the merchantmen impute all the disadvantage; he would not bear up an inch, and so deprived himself of their assistance, and them of his. The *Portsmouth* and *Milford* lately chased 2 Turks off Malaga, when the biggest took all the men out of the smallest, and escaped, the smaller of 8 guns being taken. They also took another of 6 guns, with 60 men aboard.

Our ships under Capt. Clerk being gone towards Cape Martin, I have sent for them to join me, so as to go on the coast of Barbary, to watch the enemy on their return home; some of them to be stationed off Algiers, and the others off Corcelli, where they are to call for information and orders, before they return home. We hear that 16 French ships of war, commanded by M. d'Almeras, are at Ivica, and that on 1 Dec. he was to open his sealed orders. I hope they have no worse intention than against Algiers, because the Algerines have broken with them in several particulars, and I am confirmed in that opinion by the constant report that they have already retaken one of our Newfoundland prizes. [3¼ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 268, *No.* 94A.]

Dec. 2. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Roebuck* is fitted, and only waiting her seamen's pay before she sails. [*Ibid. No.* 95.]

Dec. 2. Swansea. John Man to Williamson. Walter John, a gilder of Carmarthenshire, was apprehended with a bag, containing 3 or 4 ounces of clippings of half-crowns and shillings. The constable took him to the justices, and afterwards to the town prison, and chained him to the block there, intending to commit him to the county gaol at Cardiff, but he made his escape during the night. Description of him. [*Ibid. No.* 96.]

[Dec. 2.] Petition of Dame Alisimon, wife of Sir John Read, Bart., of Brocket Hall, co. Hertford, and widow of the Hon. Fras. Pierrepoint, to the House of Lords, to order execution of the sentences of the Courts of Arches and of Delegates, for her husband to pay her 30*l.* a month alimony; brought him 8,000*l.* fortune, but he has used her cruelly, turned away all her servants, turned her out of doors, and now, to avoid the decrees against him, he hides himself, so that no process can issue on his house or lands. [*Ibid. No.* 97. *The Lords' Journals, Vol. XII., p.* 279, *note that the petition was dismissed.*]

Dec. 2. Message from the King to the House of Commons, that he has discharged Sir John Griffith from his Governorship of the Fort of

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Gravesend, finding it true that he obliged the hoys, and other vessels trading on the Thames, to pay certain sums of money before he would allow them to pass that fort. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 136. *Printed in Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p.* 115.]

Dec. 2. Warrant to R. Rutter to apprehend Henry Cromwell. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 177.]

Dec. 2. Whitehall. Certificate by Lord Arlington that Lord Fauconberg took leave of his Majesty 18 Nov. last, on his departure as Ambassador Extraordinary to the Republic of Venice. [*Ibid.*]

Dec. 3. Warrant for a grant, at request of St. John's College, Cambridge, of licence to them to possess lands in mortmain, not exceeding 1,000*l.* a year, in addition to the present endowments, there being a great number of students with small revenue, for accommodation of whom some addition is needed to their present buildings. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 19, *p.* 113.]

Dec. 3. Dispensation to John Powell, to hold the rectory of Stourmouth, Kent, with that of Lapworth, co. Warwick, giving bond to resign the latter at Michaelmas 1671. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

Dec. 3. Dispensation for James Zouch, High Sheriff of Surrey, to repair to London or elsewhere. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 136.]

Dec. 3. Warrant to pay to Sir Denis Gauden, victualler of the Navy, 60,833*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for sea victuals for 1,825,000 men (*sic*), to be employed on the fleets for a year. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 115.]

Dec. 3. Warrant to pay to the Paymaster of the Works 3,700*l.* above the 6,000*l.* already appointed, for rebuilding the Custom House; also to allow the Farmers of Customs 6 per cent. on 1,000*l.*, part of the said 6,000*l.* advanced by them. [*Ibid. No.* 116.]

Dec. 3. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. Only 3 or 4 vessels put in here; they sailed the next day. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 268, *No.* 98.]

Dec. 3. Deal. Rich. Watts to Williamson. A French vessel full of men has come in from Amsterdam, and reports that the States have commanded their subjects in France to return home, and the French to leave their territories. A Dutchman also come in gave the same report. [*Ibid. No.* 99.]

Dec. 3. Bedford Street. J. Pearse to the Navy Commissioners. I viewed the chests of all the surgeons in Sir Thos. Allin's fleet at their setting out; they were stored with medicines for only 6 months, and I did not judge it necessary they should have more, since being kept in the hot holds of ships in those warm countries, their virtue is not durable. A recruit value 40*l.* or 50*l.*, of those most suitable to the diseases the men are subject to in those countries, should be sent; shall I send it all in one chest, or in several, according to the number of men in each squadron? [*Ibid. No.* 100.]

Dec. 4. Col. Thos. Middleton and Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. We have consulted together as to the many inconveniences existing in the yard at Chatham, and offer 14 queries and

7 suggestions for repairs and new buildings needed, for your consideration. [3 *pages*. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 268, *No.* 101.]

Dec. 4.
Downs.

Capt. John Pearce, of the *Sapphire*, to the Navy Commissioners. I received the cable and foresail, which I desired because I had to ride a storm near the Kentish Knock. Here is a fleet of 30 sail ready to leave with the first wind; I have received 4 tuns of beer from Dover, and shall have the beef and pork next week. [*Ibid. No.* 102.]

Dec. 4.
Portsmouth.

St. J. Steventon to the Navy Commissioners. The *Roebuck* sailed into St. Helen's Road; I presume she will be paid to-morrow, the paymaster and clerks having come down. [*Ibid. No.* 103.]

Dec. 4.
London.

Wm. Harrington to Col. Middleton. I cannot wait upon the Board, nor go to Deptford to see the delivery of my plank. I find that your measurers take no notice of the quarter inches, which in my parcel will turn to my loss above 50*l.* My profit in the whole cargo only amounts to 25*l.*, and although something is gotten by other goods, the plank has eaten it up; unless you allow me these quarter inches, I shall be a dead loser of 25*l.*, besides interest; by my first contract, the thickness was to be allowed "according to Dutch measure, but otherwise to be measured English." [*Ibid. No.* 104.]

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Warrant to pay to Lord Fauconberg, Ambassador Extraordinary to Venice, 1,000*l.* for his travelling expenses to Florence. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 117.]

Dec. 4.
Harwich.

Silas Taylor to Williamson. The storm on Sunday night forced one of the Harwich packet-boats aground near Dunwich, and broke her back. The master sent the mail from thence; all have deserted the ship. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 268, *No.* 105.]

Dec. 4.
Falmouth.

Thos. Holden to Hickes. Several vessels from Bordeaux and other places in France have come in, and put to sea again. I hear from a ship bound for Ireland with wine, that the King of Spain had sold all Flanders to the French King. [*Ibid. No.* 106.]

Dec. 5.

Caveat in favour of Mr. Chiffinch, that no grant of moneys remaining in the hand of Mr. Berry of Grantham on account pass without notice to him. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 32, *p.* 7.]

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Caveat that nothing pass concerning Knaresborough Forest, and that Mr. Bennet have notice if Fras. Good and 2 others come about the same. Minute. [*Ibid. p.* 8.]

Dec. 5.
Deal.

Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. Sixty merchantmen have sailed under convoy of the *Sapphire*, and there are now only 2 in the Downs. Thos. Williamson has gone as supercargo in the *Loyal Bartlet*, and begged to be remembered to you. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 268, *No.* 107.]

Dec. 5.
Portsmouth.

Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The paymaster and clerks have arrived to pay off the *Roebuck*, which is riding at St. Helen's, to prevent her men running away. Sir Philip Honeywood goes for London to-morrow. [*Ibid. No.* 108.]

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Dec. 5. *Roebuck*, St. Helen's Road. Capt. George Liddell to the Navy Commissioners. We went yesterday with the *Roebuck* to Spithead, and so to St. Helen's, and I am sending off some part of my provisions, &c., that I may be ready to sail with the first wind. The clerks have come down, and I expect them on board to pay to-morrow, when I shall give you an account of proceedings, and sail to the Downs. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 268, *No.* 109.]

Dec. 6. Deptford. Thos. Turner and 3 others to the Navy Commissioners. We find on review that Foley's spikes are intermixed, and that there are 6 cwt. of the ordinary with the extraordinary, as mentioned by Mr. Hosier, which the storekeeper and clerk of the cheque acknowledge as an oversight, owing to multiplicity of business. Pray return the bill, that it may be newly made. We send you some of the ordinary spikes for examination, as they exceed the length and weight of the contract, but shorter ones would not serve. [*Ibid. No.* 110.]

Dec. 6. Treasury Chambers, Whitehall. Sir George Downing to the Navy Commissioners. You are to come prepared about Sir Denis Gauden's Lent and Toulon accounts on Monday, the Treasury Commissioners desiring the case may be heard in his Majesty's presence. [*Ibid. No.* 111.]

Dec. 6. Stockwith. John Russell to the Navy Commissioners. Here is no timber to load the *Mackerel* and *Post Horse* hoys coming, and the timber at Bawtry lies far up on the shore, and in the town; no part of the wharf is clear to bring it to, but I shall desire Mr. Lester to have a place ready to lay it on. There is 110 loads of timber at Hull, so I can send the hoys there, and the *Adam and Eve* to Stockwith. I send the bill of lading of the *James* hoy. I have sent 591 loads of timber and plank to the stores and to Hull since July last; 87 loads have been brought from Brickland and Billhay to Stockwith this summer. I desire you will order money for it, and for payment of the land carriage. Commissioner Tippetts went for York on Saturday; I am to wait on him at Hull on Tuesday. [*Ibid. No.* 112.]

Dec. 6. Commission to Rich. Llewellin to be marshal of the Horse Guards, in place of the late Col. Steward Walker. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 20, *p.* 203.]

Dec. 6. Whitehall. Message from the King to the House of Commons, that he desires to adjourn the House to the beginning of February, but the state of affairs at home and abroad requires that the Bill for the supply should pass before the recess. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 138.]

Dec. 6. Grant to Sir Fras. Leake of the place of captain and keeper of West Tilbury Blockhouse, Essex, fee 2*s.*; also of the place of day keeper of Gravesend Blockhouse, fee 4*s.* a day and 20*l.* a year. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 21, *p.* 81, *and* 30, *f.* 178.]

[Dec. 6.] Court at Whitehall. Declaration of the King's appointment of Sir Edw. Barnard, barrister-at-law, to the office of Recorder of Kingston-upon-Hull, in place of Wm. Lister, resigned, the right of nomination of the Recorder being reserved to the Crown, in the late charter to the town. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 268, *No.* 113.]

[Dec. 6.] Entry of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 179.]

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Dec. 6. Warrant to the Ordnance Commissioners to appoint trusty persons who, with the lieutenant-surveyor, clerk of ordnance, and keeper of stores, may survey the ordnance stores in the Tower, and the storehouses at Woolwich, Chatham, Upnor Castle, Windsor Castle, Portsmouth, Plymouth, and Kingston-upon-Hull, and give in an account thereof; allowing them their diet and other necessary charges. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 180.]

Dec. 6. Warrant for a bill as follows:—The King to the Officers of Exchequer. James [Livingston], Earl of Newburgh, farmer on rent of 1,000*l.* a year of the profit of sealing sixpenny writs in the Court of Chancery, was 4,500*l.* in arrear of rent at Christmas 1667, and was therefore suspended from further profits; but he still received 226*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.* up to 11 Oct. 1667, both which sums, and 2,023*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.* arrears of rent, are due up to Christmas next, making a total of 6,750*l.*; towards this 1,239*l.* 6*s.* 2*d.*, in sums detailed have been received, as well as 1,400*l.* paid as rent from Michaelmas 1668, by Wm. Adderley of Lincoln's Inn, appointed receiver for a year, the remainder due being therefore 4,110*l.* 13*s.* 10*d.*

But in consideration of the Earl's losses by the taking away of the Court of Wards and the Star Chamber, and by the plague, and also of his losses by loyalty to the late King, you are to discharge him from payment of the said sum, or any other sums due on the said account. [*Ibid.*]

[Dec. 6.] Copy of the above. [4½ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 268, *No.* 114.]

Dec. Docquet of the above, dated 14 Dec. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 119.]

Dec. 6. Thos. Holder to Williamson. Has the Venetian Resident had any return from the States of Venice, with reference to Mr. Galilye's business? He is dead, and has left the business to his widow, who is executrix; she depends on the continuance of your favour towards her in the matter. [*S.P. Dom. Car. II.* 268, *No.* 115.]

Dec. 6.
Bodney. John Tasburgh to Williamson. Since coming down, I have visited our friends in Thetford, and find things encouraging. Mr. Martin has written about the river, and caused a letter to be sent to the Recorder, whose steady adherence to them for the public good of the borough they will ever own; not doubting your concurrence and discountenance of the opposite faction, which—having taken advantage of Lord Howard's absence and Martin and Clerk's infirmities—endeavours to play a game destructive to his lordship and Lord Arlington's interests. I told Martin of your apprehensions of the contrivances on foot by Kend[all] and his party, and of your adherence to Lord Howard and his friends. Martin will no doubt turn the scales, as he has the charter, and the friendship of all wise persons, to back him in upholding the rights of the borough, and the interests of the 2 noble lords and the Recorder, and laughs at what the faction has done, or can do, so long as you and the Recorder remain steady.

Pardon me for troubling you about my just, but defeated, teller's place in the Exchequer. I rely on your and Lord Arlington's favour. I think the person who steps over my head may be induced to compensate me with as many hundreds as the place is worth thousands, without injury to himself. I beg to introduce the bearer, Michael Warton, as a gentleman worthy of your acquaintance. [2 *pages*. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 268, *No.* 116.]

Dec. 7. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. I forwarded the letter for Lady Mohun to the deputy-postmaster of Looe. Has the box of letters I sent by the carrier to Mr. Ellis at the Post Office come to hand? [*Ibid. No.* 117.]

Dec. 7. Minehead. John Maurice to Williamson. The *Consent* of Bristol and the *Joseph* of Lyme have come in. They would have perished on the rocks but for help; they are now prosecuting their voyage to St. Malo. The *Garland* of Coombe, from Waterford, reports the arrival there of several vessels with wine and fruit. [*Ibid. No.* 118.]

Dec. 7. Pembroke. John Powell to Williamson. Arrival and departure of ships. [*Ibid. No.* 119.]

Dec. 7. John Powell to Hickes. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 120.]

Dec. 7. Harwich. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The packet-boats made their return well, notwithstanding the foggy weather. A vessel from Sheerness found a flyboat belonging to Sir Wm. Warren, laden with deals from Norway, cast away upon the Bucksea Sand, near the Gunfleet; they had several vessels with her to assist them. [*Ibid. No.* 121.]

Dec. 7. Dispensation for Thos. Lewis, High Sheriff of Nottinghamshire, to repair to London or elsewhere. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 138.]

Dec. 7. The King to John, Bishop of Chester. We recommend the request of George, Lord Delamere, whose ancestors have held for 100 years a lease now nearly expiring of the tithes of Bowden, co. Chester, for a renewal of the said lease for 3 lives, on reasonable compensation, in consideration of his acceptable services; this mark of favour is not to be drawn into a precedent. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 27, *f.* 13.]

Dec. 7. The King to the Master and Fellows of Trinity Hall, Cambridge. Wm. Wheeler has been scholar in your house 3 years, and is capable of being elected Fellow. His father so suffered for loyalty as to be disabled from making any provision for him; we therefore request you to admit him to the first vacant fellowship in your house, except the Divinity Fellowship, to which another must be elected, that the office of the Church may be duly supplied. [*Ibid. f.* 152.]

Dec. 7. Commission for Rob. Bringfield to be ensign in Sir Godfrey Lloyd's company in Col. John Russell's regiment of Guards. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 29, *p.* 35.]

Dec. 7. Recommendation of the petition of Thomas, Lord Windsor, for reimbursement of 2,000*l.* spent by his Majesty's direction, to the

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Treasury Commissioners, to see it affixed on some branch of the revenue. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 85.]

[Dec. 7.] Petition of Wm. Levett to the King, for payment of the pension of 200*l*. a year, with arrears, granted him by his Majesty, on a recommendation of the late King,—whom he served as page of the bedchamber,—given the day before his death. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 268, *No.* 122.] *Annexing,*

> *Certificate by William, Archbishop of Canterbury, that the petitioner is one of the 5 persons commended by the late King to his present Majesty, the day before his death.*—21 *Nov.* 1660. [*Ibid. No.* 122I.]

Dec. 7. Reference of the above petition to the Treasury Commissioners; his Majesty declaring a very gracious sense of the petitioner's ancient loyalty, would be glad for something to be done for his relief, as far as the state of affairs will permit. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 85.]

Dec. 7. Portsmouth. Roger Eastwood to the Navy Commissioners. Statement of the prices at which Mr. Newland will deliver tar, deals, oil, &c., into the stores. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 268, *No.* 123.]

Dec. 8. Chatham. Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. The trees bought of Sir Roger Twysden are nearly all felled; if any stop should be put to the carriage of the timber, it will be a great hindrance to the service; so I have written to the justices, and intend to wait on them, to encourage the carriage, until I hear from you. No one appeared to buy the bottom of the *Defiance.* [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 269, *No.* 1.] *Encloses,*

> *Sir Roger Twysden and* 5 *other justices of the peace* [*of Kent*] *to Middleton and Cox. We received your letter, desiring us to assist in the carriage of timber bought at East Peckham and Nettlestead, and find by the Act of Parliament that we are not sufficiently empowered, unless there be a warrant from the Navy Commissioners or the Master of Ordnance. We desire you will send it by Thursday, we being all to meet on that day to expedite the business.—Town Malling,* 4 *Dec.* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 1I.]

[Dec. 8.] Report of a discussion on a question now in debate in the University [of Cambridge], as to whether the beadles should be chosen, as has long been done, by the heads of colleges nominating two, and the body choosing one; showing that this is the intention of the statutes, chiefly compiled by Lord Burghley, 12 Eliz., and that the opposite mode would cause sundry inconveniences. [*Ibid. No.* 2.]

[Dec. 8.] Arguments on the proposed election of Wm. Worts to the place of Esquire Beadle to Cambridge University, to prove that the election rests in the body of the University, independently of the nomination of the masters of colleges. [*Printed sheet. Ibid. No.* 3. *Case heard in Privy Council* 17 *Nov. and* 8 *Dec.*]

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Dec. 8. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Williamson. It is reported that Capt. Godolphin, in the *Morning Star*, and 2 or 3 more, coming from Newfoundland, were taken by the Turks; but this is denied by the *Unity* of Dartmouth from Malaga, who says she left the *Morning Star* and 20 sail of great ships in that road, bound for the Straits. Several ships have come in bound for places named. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 269, *No.* 4.]

Dec. 8. Same to Hickes. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 5.]

Dec. 8. Weymouth. John Pocock to Hickes. A vessel from St. Malo reports that the French King is sending 8 ships to the East Indies, 2 of which are of 40 guns each, as a present to the King of Persia. The *Resolution* has arrived from the Canaries, and the *Dorothy* from Malaga, with a fleet of 25 merchantmen and convoys, which she left in the soundings. She confirms the death of Capt. Hubbard. [*Ibid. No.* 6.]

Dec. 9. Deal. Rich. Watts to Williamson. Sir Rich. Sandys, of Northbourne, near Deal, accidentally shot himself with his gun, while getting through a hedge; his man at the plough took him up, but he died immediately. His lady, who has been dangerously sick a long time, knows nothing of his accident. There are 60 merchantmen in the Downs outward bound. [*Ibid. No.* 7.]

Dec. 9. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Roebuck* continues in St. Helen's Road, but as she has her despatches, she will sail this day for the Downs, to meet the *Sapphire*, who is appointed convoy for the Straits. [*Ibid. No.* 8.]

[Dec. 9.] [Whitehall.] The King to the Parliament of Scotland. We thank you for your advance towards the union of the kingdoms, in consenting to a treaty, and offering us the choice of Commissioners; the English Parliament has not yet had leisure to consider the subject; in the meantime, you may separate when your other business is concluded. [*Printed in Acts Parl. Scotland, Vol. VII., p.* 565. *Ibid. No.* 9.]

Dec. 9. Copy of the above. [*Printed. Ibid. No.* 10.]

Dec. 9. Reference to the Dean of the chapel of the petition of Dr. Durel, for the King's presentation to the rectory of Denham, co. Bucks. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 86.]

Dec. 9. Commission for John Thorne to be ensign to Sir John Griffith. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 20, *p.* 204.]

Dec. 9. Warrant to the Ordnance Commissioners to continue the number of 100 gunners in the Ordnance Office, notwithstanding the order of retrenchment of 16 March 1668, ordering them to be reduced to 60 as they die off. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 183.]

Dec. 9. Warrant to the Ambassador [in France, R. Montague] and Sir Thos. Bond, authorising them to take from a trunk of plate belonging to the late Queen Mother, which they have in charge, such plate as Mr. Montague requires to use during his service as Ambassador; to be first fairly weighed, and transferred to him by indenture. [*Ibid.*]

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[Dec. 9.] Descriptive list of several pieces of plate belonging to the late Queen Mother. Endorsed, "Sir Thos. Bond to have the plate." [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 269, *No.* 11.]

Dec. 9. Caveat in favour of Mr. Hayes, that no grant pass of the King's part of treasure trove, without notice to Prince Rupert. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 32, *p.* 8.]

Dec. 9. Court at Whitehall. Petition of Thomazin, wife of Fras. Skinner, to the King, for the grant of a free pardon for her husband, so that he may return to England, and support her and his children. By the deceit of Thos. Robinson, he was induced to sell some guns belonging to the King to a Jew in London, Robinson alleging that they belonged to a Dutch ship that was blown up, and taken as wreck at sea; for this offence Robinson was convicted, and burnt in the hand at Kent Assizes, and the guns restored, but her husband went beyond seas. With reference thereon to Justice Morton, and his report in favour of the pardon, the guns, which had been stolen from the stores at Chatham and transported, having been all brought from Flanders to Tower Hill, and Skinner being an expert mariner, and serviceable to his Majesty, and if convicted, entitled to the benefit of his clergy.—22 Dec. 1669. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 269, *No.* 12.] *Annexed,*

> *Certificate by Col. Wm. Legg that* 9 *cannon or great guns, sold by Fras. Skinner and* [*Thos.*] *Robinson, have been brought from Ostend, and are now lying on Tower Hill.*—14 *Dec.* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 12I.]

Dec. 9. Entry of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 86.]

Dec. 9. Victualling Office. Sir Denis Gauden to the Navy Commissioners. Six months' victuals for 200 men was supplied at Kinsale last year, and not above 30 men's victuals have been delivered. I desire that ships employed on that coast may be ordered there to victual, instead of to Dublin, so as to prevent further loss to his Majesty. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 269, *No.* 13.]

Dec. 9. Portsmouth Dockyard. Abr. Ansley to the Navy Commissioners. The *Roebuck* has sailed for the Downs. I desire you will enter 12 riggers for constant work, that I may be able to keep the ships in port in good repair. [*Ibid. No.* 14.]

Dec. 9. *The Spy*, Dover Road. Giles Bond to the Navy Commissioners. I want victuals, having only 10 days' aboard, and being employed to look out on the Sussex and Kent coasts. [*Ibid. No.* 15.]

Dec. 10. *Fanfan*, Dover. Capt. John Kelsy to the Navy Commissioners. We have but 12 days' victuals on board, and our mainmast much decayed; where shall we be supplied? [*Ibid. No.* 16.]

Dec. 10. Deptford. Thos. Turner to Thos. Hayter. I want a ton of the best oakum for calking the *London*; that supplied from Woolwich is too coarse for rents and treenails. [*Ibid. No.* 17.]

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Dec. 10. Dispensation for Wm. Durham, Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, who is going chaplain to Lord Fauconberg in his embassy to Venice, to receive all the profits of his fellowship during his absence. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 19, *p.* 114.]

Dec. 10. Commissions for John Griffith to be lieutenant to Sir John Griffith.

——— Morrice lieutenant to Capt. Vaughan.

Fras. Hoblin lieutenant to Capt. Carteret. Minutes. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 20, *p.* 204.]

Dec. 10. The King to the Duke of York. John Gould and Josias Child, merchants, are owners of the *Mary and Elizabeth,* taken by Algerine or Sally men-of-war, and afterwards retaken by a Tangiers ketch and brought into Tangiers, though the men were unfortunately made slaves; you are to give orders to the Governor of Tangiers to restore the said ship and goods, or their value if sold, to the said owners, taking only salvage therefor, provided the matter be as represented. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *p.* 138.]

Dec. 10. Warrant for denization of Derrick Deeters, an alien. [*Ibid. p.* 139.]

Dec. 10. Whitehall. Warrant to [the Archbishop of Canterbury] to grant a dispensation to Hen. Bankes to hold the rectory of Thakeham, co. Sussex, with that of Midley, co. Kent. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book,* 27, *f.* 13.]

Dec. 10. Pass for 10 horses for the Comte de St. Paul. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 183.]

Dec. 10. Philadelphia, Lady Wentworth, to Williamson. My lord granted a presentation for the parsonage of Whitechapel, upon which Mr. Davenant was instituted and inducted; for strengthening his title, he had the King's presentation, but there being a mistake in the drawing of it, I desire you will get a new one. I hear Sir Wm. Boreman makes some obstruction; I wonder he meddles with anything that was my lord's, so much to my prejudice. I send a petition, of which you may make what use you please. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 269, *No.* 18.]

Dec. 10. Treasury Chambers. Rules for extraordinaries to be allowed to public Ministers sent abroad. They are to apply to the Secretary of State, sending in the signed account of their demands, deposed to if they are commoners, and affirmed if they are peers, and sworn to by their secretaries or stewards. No allowance is to be made to any Minister for presents made by him at his reception or departure, or for entertainments given by him, unless done by express order, except in the Courts of Sweden and Denmark. No charge is to be allowed for his travelling expenses in his return, unless these and his other expenses exceed his ordinary allowance. No allowance for a secretary or other attendant, unless commissioned by his Majesty. Ordinary postage not to be allowed, only express. If any public Minister stay above 20 days after leave-taking, he is not to have his ordinary allowance. [1¾ *pages. Ibid. No.* 19.]

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Dec. 10. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. A vessel has arrived from Portugal, and three from Malaga, all complaining that their Newfoundland fish came to an ill market, and that the Malaga wine and fruit prove bad and scarce. A Dutch ship has also come in, laden with sugar and tobacco, from the same plantations. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Car. II.* 269, *No.* 20.]

Dec. 10. Same to Williamson. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 21.]

Dec. 10. Deal. Rich. Watts to Williamson. The whole country of well-affected persons lament the sudden and untimely death of Sir Rich. Sandys, as he commanded the county troop and a foot company, and was very active for the service. There are 60 ships in the Downs, but the wind being high, and the sea rough, the great ships will not sail until to-morrow. [*Ibid. No.* 22.]

Dec. 11. Deal. Same to [the Same]. The remainder of the fleet, being 40 sail, with the *Sapphire* and *Roebuck* as convoy, are all under sail, with a south-east wind. [*Ibid. No.* 23.]

Dec. 11. Harwich. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Several vessels have come in through the unpromising weather, which gives small encouragement to others to sail. There are divers passengers bound for Holland; a passage-boat bound thither sailed, but has returned to stop a leak. [*Ibid. No.* 24.]

Dec. 11. Pembroke. John Powell to Williamson. There is no news to send. [*Ibid. No.* 25.]

Dec. 11. Lyme. Ant. Thorold to [Williamson]. The *Margaret* of Topsham, from Rotterdam, has put in by contrary winds; the master says that the Dutch are much alarmed at the great preparations of the French by sea and land, and are consequently securing their frontier towns, and forming a standing company, for command of which, they have appointed above 400 officers. The *Lily Rose* and *Prosperous* of Lyme have arrived from Morlaix, and report the arrival there of the Count de Roch, who had been along the coast to take an account of all the seamen, amounting to 260,000, who are to be listed into the King's pay, to serve in his fleet by turns. Several of them were marching for Brest, the French having some high designs in hand. [*Ibid. No.* 26.]

Dec. 11. Portsmouth. Fras. Lucas to Thos. Hayter. I was misinformed as to Edw. Norton being a justice of peace; he cannot meddle with the business, but he referred me to his brother, Col. Rich. Norton; we need not doubt his care, he being well acquainted with my business. We have no other justices but he and Sir Philip Honeywood, who is at London. Let the enclosed be newly drawn and signed, and sent to him and to me, that no opportunity may be lost. My witness will stand surely to what I have given in this. [*Ibid. No.* 27.]

Dec. 12. Deposition of Edw. Hills, 23 Nov., Chatham. In 1665 I served 100 loads of timber into the yard at Chatham, but 4 loads was abated by boatswain Harman, for some that was decayed, and when I demanded the decayed timber, it was denied, as being the boatswain's perquisite. With affirmation of John Baynard, to the truth of Hills' statement; and certificate, 12 Dec., by Commissioner John Cox, that Hills and Baynard have deposed before him, as J.P. for Kent, to the truth of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 269, *No.* 28.]

Dec. 12. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. These parts afford no news; all things are quiet. [*Ibid. No.* 29.]

Dec. 13. Chichester. Dr. Rob. Mathew, rector of Meanstock, Hampshire, to Williamson. Yesterday I fulfilled my course of preaching in Chichester Cathedral as a minor prophet, which renders me capable of advancement to a residentiary's place, if I could obtain an election. There is a place vacant, and I solicit your interest with the Dean, who is clerk of the closet; he will not deny you anything, and I am sure that Dr. Edes will comply with him, and both can overrule the chapter, which at present only consists of them and 2 others, who are stiffly resolved for Mr. Sefton; Mr. Dean has thoughts of the thing for himself, but I presume he will get loose to it, when he understands that the thing is below him. Should he however continue in such inclination, I beg a promise that I may be his successor. The place would be a preferment to me, I should not be unacceptable to the church and city, and "it would redeem me from the desolate condition I am now in, by the death of my most dear Betty." [*Ibid. No.* 30.]

Dec. 13. Dover. Jo. Carlile to Williamson. Pardon me for not writing for 3 weeks, through my old distemper, the spleen; 100 merchant ships, under convoy of the *Sapphire*, have sailed from the Downs. Lord Howard is staying at Tangiers. Sir Rich. Sandys, of Northbourne, near Deal, killed himself with a fowling-piece last Wednesday while going out to shoot some birds for his lady; the contents of the gun entered his side, and all he said was that he was a dead man; he was much lamented, and will be much wanted amongst his neighbours. Three or four East India ships are sailing southward. I want the *Gazette.* [*Ibid. No.* 31.]

Dec. 13. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Hickes. Seven or eight merchantmen have left the harbour, bound for Guinea, Virginia, the Straits, and France; the *John and Abigail* of London has come in to load fish. Major Creed, a prisoner in Pendennis Castle, has been removed to Plymouth, by order from Council. [*Ibid. No.* 32.]

Dec. 13. Lisle. Fr. Crane to Rob. Francis. I expected to have found some news at Lisle, but it is barren until they receive the English *Gazette.* Pray forward this enclosure. [*Ibid. No.* 33.]

Dec. 13. Warrant to Attorney-General Palmer to convey the King's interest, &c., in the prebend, manor, and lordship of Tottenham Court, co. Middlesex, to Henry, Lord Arlington. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 118.]

Dec. 13. Warrant for a grant to Thos. Scarlett, of the office of Receiver of First Fruits in the Court of Exchequer. With note of a slight variation in a subsequent warrant. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 140.]

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Dec. 13. Caveat in favour of Mr. Progers and Mr. Killigrew, that no grant pass of any moneys pretended to be discovered remaining in the hands of Sir ——— Berry, late Receiver of Lincolnshire. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 32, *p.* 8.]

Dec. 13. Court at Whitehall. The King to the Auditors of Imprest and other officers, &c., concerned. On 4 Feb. 1663, we set down orders relative to the officers of our works, granting them certain allowances, but their successors were not to have the same without further warrant. We now declare that we have made Dr. Chris. Wren surveyor of our works, Hugh May controller, Phil. Packer paymaster, and Rich. Ryder master carpenter, and they are to have the same allowances as heretofore granted, and a further increase, as expressed in our orders. Endorsed "24 Nov. 1669. This warrant to be tendered to his Majesty for signature, upon view that the like was done before." [1½ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 269, *No.* 34.]

Dec. 13. Roger Baker, purser [of the *Dartmouth*], to the Navy Commissioners. I cannot proceed in the passing of my accounts, without an order for allowing my supernumeraries. I desire that myself and Mr. Smith may be called in, to know your pleasure therein. [*Ibid. No.* 35.]

Dec. 13. Daniel Furzer to the Navy Commissioners. I present a petition, that my deplorable condition may not be made too public. I have been forced to confine myself, for fear of arrest by some that are come up for that end; nor do I expect otherwise at my going home to Bristol, but to keep close home and languish away, or be clapped up in prison. The Lord move your hearts to pity. [*Ibid. No.* 36.]

Dec. 13. Woolwich Ropeyard. Wm. Bodham to the Navy Commissioners. The workmen here desire that a small house may be built at the further end of the yard, for their convenience; as they have the materials, the cost will not exceed 42*s.*; "the whole charge may be put on the quarter-book, and will be accepted as ready money." [*Ibid. No.* 37.]

Dec. 13. Woolwich Ropeyard. Same to the Same. I sent 9 lbs. of white oakum to Deptford; how it appeared too coarse for rents and treenails before they saw it, I know not. It is as good of its kind as was ever made here. They use fine-dressed hemp for rents, &c., about new ships, which there is no cause for buying if it be timely demanded from here; this latter sort is so fine-dressed that it would spin into good household linen. [*Ibid. No.* 38.]

Dec. 14. Portsmouth Dockyard. Abr. Ansley to the Navy Commissioners. I intend that the 12 riggers demanded shall repair the rigging of the whole of the ships in this port, much damaged by the late war; then when an order shall come for fitting any ships, the rigging will be ready. There will not be any waste or bad husbandry, as I shall keep them employed, and discharge them when they have done. [*Ibid. No.* 39.]

Dec. 14. Portsmouth. Capt. Ant. Deane to the Navy Commissioners. I send a contract by Mr. Cole for the 60 loads of plank; I pray an order for its receipt,

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it being the only provision to carry on the works of this place. The *Gloucester* is nearly completed. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 269, *No.* 40.]

[Dec. 14.] Note of instructions to be given to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen [of London], to choose none as common councilmen except those qualified by having taken the sacrament within 12 months, and by taking the oaths of supremacy and allegiance, and renouncing the covenant. Many persons avoid so doing by absenting themselves from the wardmote when chosen, and then coming to council and taking the oaths, but not the sacrament; or by staying away from the council at first, till the thing is forgotten, and then coming in slyly, setting up for defenders of the liberties of the city, fomenting popular notions, and alienating the affections of the unwary multitude. The aldermen are ordered to make returns of none but persons duly qualified, and when this corporation is reformed, the rest will follow. [*Ibid. No.* 41.]

Dec. 14. The King to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen [of London]. By the Act for Regulating Corporations, no one is to be elected mayor, alderman, or common councilman, unless he have taken the sacrament within a year of his election, will take the oaths of allegiance and supremacy, the oath on the unlawfulness of taking arms against ourself, and subscribe the declaration concerning the illegality of imposing the Covenant. These directions are to be carefully observed in the forthcoming election of common councilmen, none others are to presume to execute the office, and an account is to be returned before 8 Jan. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, *f.* 39.]

Dec. 14. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. Several English, Dutch, and Hamburg ships, from France, Bordeaux, &c., have put in by contrary winds. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 269, *No.* 42.]

Dec. 14. Same to Williamson. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 43.]

Dec. 14. Deal. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. The ships sailed 3 times before they got a wind; the East India and Guinea ships did not sail till yesterday. A vessel from France reports that the French King has granted letters of reprisal against the Dutch. [*Ibid. No.* 44.]

Dec. 14. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Several ships homeward bound have been put into the Isle of Wight and Stokes Bay, by the easterly wind. Ten Bordeaux men are in the bay bound for London, and a ketch from Malaga, which came out of the Straits with several merchant ships, and had the *Warwick* and *Garland* for convoy to the Northward Cape. The rest of the convoys are gone for other ports. [*Ibid. No.* 45.]

Dec. 14. Tower. Jonas Moore to Williamson. This is to advise you that the warrant you are about must condemn the 150*l.* from Michaelmas last, and give me the 100*l.* [*Ibid. No.* 46.] *Annexed,*

> *Statement by Moore that the Surveyor's fees are but* 194*l.* *a year out of the quarter books; that the warrants his Majesty is asked to make void are one dated* 9 *June* 1665, *granting him* 150*l.* *a year, and another dated* 21 *Feb. following for* 100*l.* *a year. He moves the Ordnance Com-*

*missioners that—in consideration of his Majesty's orders, made when they came into office, and that he might be encouraged to do his duty—*100*l. a year may be added to his present salary.* [*See Dec.* 15, *infra. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 269, *No.* 46I.]

Dec. 15. Warrant to the Ordnance Commissioners to pay to Jonas Moore, appointed Surveyor of Ordnance in place of Major Edward [Francis ?] Nicholls, deceased, 100*l.* a year additional allowance to the salary of 194*l.*, he surrendering his former grants of 150*l.* and 100*l.* a year. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 184.]

Dec. [15.] Draft of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 269, *No.* 47.]

Dec. 15. Warrant for 200*l.* to Dr. Benj. Worsley, out of the privy seal dormant, for service done. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 183.]

Dec. 15. Warrant for 100*l.* to Sir Wm. Jennings, out of the privy seal dormant, as the King's free gift. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

[Dec. 15.] Draft of the above two minutes. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 269, *No.* 48.]

Dec. 15. Warrant on petition of Elizabeth, wife of Thos. Windham, equerry, for a grant to him of certain woods, cos. Middlesex, Durham, and Chester. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 184. *See the grant at full,* 12 *May* 1669.]

Dec. 15. The King to the President and Fellows of St. John's College, Oxford. Jacob Smith has under his tuition a son of Sir Allan Apsley, Master of the Hawks; but as by statute no Fellow can be absent above 6 months in a year, we require you to dispense with the said statute, and allow Smith 6 months' further liberty of absence; this favour not to be drawn into a precedent, to the injury of the college. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, *f.* 40.]

Dec. 15. Licence for Sir John Williams, High Sheriff of Cardiganshire, to live out of his county, in which he has no dwelling place, providing for the execution of his office. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 269, *No.* 49.]

Dec. 15. Minute of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, *f.* 40.]

Dec. 15.
Portsmouth.
Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. There is no news to send. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 269, *No.* 50.]

Dec. 15.
Falmouth.
Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect as his letter to Hickes of the 13th. Particulars of ships since come in. Thos. Tregosse, a Presbyterian minister, who keeps a meeting in these parts, is said to have made his people enter into a covenant to own him as their true pastor. [*Ibid. No.* 51.]

Dec. 15. Same to Hickes. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 52.]

Dec. 15.
Milford.
John Powell to Williamson. Three ships of Bristol have sailed for the Straits, also a ship of Dartmouth, with wine and fruit from Malaga, and 10 sail of laden colliers, bound for Plymouth and other ports. [*Ibid. No.* 53.]

Dec. 16.
Mark Lane.
M. Evans, Secretary of the Levant Company, to Dr. Joseph Tayler, St. John's College, Oxford. I send you particulars of the

company's exceptions to an account amounting to 3,316 dollars, which they claim against you, as executor of your brother Sam. Tayler, who was treasurer for them at Smyrna, for sums disbursed irregularly and without order; they request you to take some course for repayment. [*Levant Papers, Vol.* 5, *p.* 227.]

Dec. 16. Declaration by John Phelips of Somertons, Sunbury, Middlesex, keeper of his Majesty's game, &c., within the honour of Hampton Court, Hounslow Heath, and the woods and grounds from Staines Bridge to Brentford Bridge, of his appointment of Benj. Holden of Bedfont, in the same county, as his deputy. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 269, *No.* 54.]

Dec. 16. Grant of denization to Benj. Benson, an alien born. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 183.]

Dec. Docquet of the above, dated 17 Dec., with proviso that he is to pay alien's customs. [*Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 120.]

Dec. 16. *Fanfan*, Dover. Capt. John Kelsy to the Navy Commissioners. I have only 4 days' provisions, and desire order for a supply, and also for a new mainmast, as we cannot venture to carry sail. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 269, *No.* 55.]

Dec. 16. Portsmouth. Capt. Ant. Deane to the Navy Commissioners. We have no deals, pitch, or tar, and Newland has not answered whether we shall have his tar at 9*l.* 10*s.* a last, so I believe he will not take that price. [*Ibid. No.* 56.] *Encloses,*

> *Tender by Wm. Oxford of* 14 *trees, containing* 30 *loads of timber, at* 36*s. a load, to be delivered at the water-side at Bursland Ferry. With note by Capt. Deane that it will cost* 3*s. a load for carriage, but being so large, our hoys must fetch it, as no vessels here can take it in.—Portsmouth,* 15 *Dec.* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 56i.]

Dec. 16. Note by Col. Thos. Middleton of anchors fit to be provided for 5 ships named, and of timber wanting in the stores. [*Ibid. No.* 57.]

Dec. 16. Harwich. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The packet-boats keep their turns well now, after their sufferings in the late storms. Passengers from Holland confidently speak of a war being intended by France with Holland, and say that the French King has engaged in a league with some of the Princes of the Empire. I missed your weekly intelligence. [*Ibid. No.* 58.]

Dec. 17. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. Twenty sail are in port, waiting a fair wind. [*Ibid. No.* 59.]

Dec. 17. James Hickes to Rob. Francis. I acquainted Mr. Ellis with the contents of your letter. I am not sorry for any man's dismissal who rightly deserved it, and that I believe he did; otherwise your love would have continued. [*Ibid. No.* 60.]

Dec. 17. Thos. Walker to Dr. Butler, Whitehall. I am informed that Dr. Gillingham died yesterday, but as his friends keep it so close, I have only just heard of it. With note, 21 Dec., by Hen. Wotton, that Walker is very familiar in the family, and lives about a mile from the doctor. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 269, *No.* 61.]

Dec. 17. Sir Sam. Starling [or Sterling], Lord Mayor of London, to Williamson. I have received a letter from Amsterdam; I cannot understand the object of the writer, but estimating it to be either sedition or some treasonable design, I forward it for Lord Arlington's perusal, if you think fit. [*Ibid. No.* 62.] *Enclosing,*

> *Wm. Carr to Sir Sam. Sterling. Although I am indebted for many favours, I could not put my pen to paper till I had a public warrant, when love for my mother country obliges. I met a priest at Metz [Mentz?], in Germany, who pretended to be Archbishop of Ireland, and to be sent from the Pope to settle the Roman faith there. He was highly treated, both by the bishops of Metz, and Treves, and Cologne. His Grace, as they called him, had* 2 *Jesuits, one secular priest, a French steward, and* 2 *footmen in purple liveries in attendance.*
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> *I became acquainted with Paul Plunket, one of the Jesuits, at the seat of the Bishop of Triers [Treves], at Goblins, who, taking me to be a Roman, told me many things; amongst others, that his Grace was going to Brussels to receive money and priests, who were to be transported to Ireland; that Ireland was ready to declare the Roman faith, and that the Pope had sent preferments to Father Patrick and others in England; that* 70,000 *had turned in England within* 5 *years, many of whom were of the best families of the country, and* 30,000 *in Scotland within* 2 *years; that* 300 *priests of all orders had lately gone for Britain, and that an indulgence to church papists in England had been lately sent. He offered to lay a wager that mass would be said in Westminster Abbey within* 12 *months, and said that monasteries had been built in co. Cork and other places in Ireland, and that the priests there had gathered a considerable sum, and sent it to the Pope for bulls. I hope this letter will not be laid aside, but have the same fortune as those had from Amsterdam, advertising the intentions of the Dutch to burn the fleet at Chatham.*
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> *The bishop is now in Brussels, and the curious may satisfy themselves of the truth of my statement, by referring to Mr. E. Reperda, living near Renberge, in Guelderland, and Wm. Bessells, an advocate, son of Mr. Bessells, merchant in the Keyser Graft, Amsterdam, who admired more at the sight of a Papist Archbishop of Ireland sent from Rome than I did, they thinking Ireland was Protestant.—Amsterdam* $\frac{16}{26}$ *Nov.* 1669. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 62I.]

Dec. 17. *Resolution,* Malaga Road. Sir Thos. Allin to Williamson. On the 15th we met with 5 French men-of-war cruising off Cape de Gata. We have been ranging about the coasts of Barbary and Spain, but did not find any Turks; I expect they will soon be returning from the Straits, and intend going out to meet them if the strong levant which brought us hither continues. [*Ibid. No.* 63.]

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Dec. 17. Note of receipt, by Rich. Warren and Judith Shapton, of 26*l.* 3*s.* 10*d.*, paid by Ambrose Benet on behalf of Jerome Smith, according to an order of the Lord Keeper. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 269, *No.* 64.]

Dec. 17. Warrant for a grant to Anthony and Charles, sons of Wm. Ellesdon, of a pension of 50*l.* a year each, until the King bestows some office upon Wm. Ellesdon, in reward for his good and faithful service. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 26, *f.* 74.]

Dec. 17. Whitehall. Warrant to Baptist May, Keeper of the Privy Purse, to pay 20*l* a year to Rich. Lovegrove and his successors, underkeepers of Hurley Walk in Windsor Forest, the said walk being very large, and double stocked with deer, and a like allowance being made by the 2 last Kings. [*Ibid.*]

Dec. 17. Whitehall. Reference to the Council of the Queen Mother of the petition of Charles, Lord Gerard, for the preference of first grantee to divers royalties, lands, and mines in the honours of Knaresborough, Tickhill, and other places in Yorkshire and Cheshire, belonging to the duchy of Lancaster. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 86.]

Dec. 17. Warrant to pay to Sir Stephen Fox 88*l.* 4*s.* monthly, with arrears from October last, for pay of the new-raised company in the Isle of Wight; also 63*l.* advanced by him, and sums which he pays for interest, not exceeding 20,000*l.*; also 400*l.* paid by him to indigent officers, and 500*l.* for his coach-horses; also to pay to Baptista Dutiel 200*l.* for his expenses to the Great Duke of Tuscany; to Antonio de Sousa de Macido, Portugal secretary, 317*l.* 10*s.*; and to Sir Stephen Fox, for Exchequer charges, 70*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.* [*S.P. Dom., Docquet, Vol.* 24, *No.* 120.]

Dec. 17. Deptford. Thos. Turner and Jonas Shish to the Navy Commissioners. We desire a warrant for sending the mainmast of the *Phœnix* at Woolwich to Deptford, for the hulk there, and also some pieces of oak to make cheeks for the mast of the *London.* [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 269, *No.* 65.]

Dec. 17. Deptford. Thos. Turner and Wm. Fownes to the Navy Commissioners. All the stores lately sold have been fetched away, and the 77*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.* received is paid by your order to Mr. Hutcheson, paymaster. I sent you particulars on 2 Sept., of those who took goods away by order, and paid no money. [*Ibid. No.* 66.]

Dec. 17. The *Spy*, Dover. Giles Bond to the Navy Commissioners. We have orders for provisions, and shall sail out of this harbour to-day. [*Ibid. No.* 67.]

Dec. 18. Treasury Office. R. Waith to the Navy Commissioners. At request of the Earl of Anglesey, I desire directions as to the allowance of some tickets belonging to books already made up, as I cannot perfect his lordship's accounts without this. In answer to your hinted jealousy at your last meeting, that many of them might be paid since the Earl's suspension, I neither know nor believe any one of these tickets to be of that nature. [*Ibid. No.* 68.]

Dec. 18. Deptford. Thos. Turner and two others to the Navy Commissioners. We have taken notice of the thickness of so much of Mr. Harrington's timber as exceeds the contract by half an inch, and allowed it to him, but never knew that heretofore any notice was taken of quarter inches, nor that any merchant expected allowance for it, "being the cut of the country." [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 269, *No.* 69.]

Dec. 18. Rob. Mayors, purveyor, to Thos. Hayter. Let warrants be made out for receiving into the stores timber purchased by me of Ralph Beacham and three others. [*Ibid. No.* 70.]

Dec. 18. Chatham Ropeyard. John Owen to the Navy Commissioners. I cannot deliver the rakings bought by Rich. Boys, till Thos. Gould fetches away the ground tow purchased by him. I desire notice may be given to Mr. Gould; how am I to act if Mr. Boys should come for his rakings before this is done? [*Ibid. No.* 71.]

Dec. 18. Whitehall. Reference of the petition of Hen. Brounker, for a third life in reversion, after two now in being, in the office of Chirography to the Treasury Commissioners, the King being sensible that he had no benefit in a grant of a life in reversion in the Comptrollership of Customs, Bristol, and wishing to gratify him in this request. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 33, *p.* 87.]

Dec. 18. Two references of the petition of the Mayor and Aldermen of Newark-on-Trent, for confirmation of their former charters, with additional privileges—viz.: to the Treasury Commissioners to consider such portions as relate to the revenue, and to the Attorney General such as relate to the law, the King graciously remembering the exemplary loyalty of the town, and being willing to distinguish it by some mark of more than common favour. [*Ibid. pp.* 87, 88.]

Dec. 18. Harwich. Silas Taylor to Williamson. A ship with Scotch coal, bound for the Thames, has been cast away in the Middle Grounds, and a piece of her side brought ashore. A vessel from Barbadoes with sugar and cotton has come in, and after paying customs, is going for Holland. Sir Wm. Warren's ship with deals has been got off Bucksea Sands and has sailed for the Thames. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 269, *No.* 72.]

Dec. 18. Dover. Report of John, Lord Berkeley, and Sir Thos. Chicheley, Ordnance Commissioners, on the petition of Sir John Robinson, Bart., Lieutenant of the Tower, referred to them. We have caused the Ordnance officers to inquire what profits have been made by the Lieutenants of the Tower, by letting the Tower wharf, and on due consideration of their certificate—as the wharf is now reserved for stores and as a magazine, within the Ordnance Office—we conceive that 100*l.* a year ought to be allowed to the petitioner, since the prohibition, as well as for the future. [2 *copies. Ibid. Nos.* 73, 74.] *Annexing,*

> *Certificate by Jonas Moore and Rich. Marsh, Ordnance officers, on the reference made to them of the petition of Sir John Robinson, as to the profits received by him and former Lieutenants of the Tower, by letting the Tower wharf. Gilbert Tayler, who has known the wharf* 40 *years, affirmed that he had heard from his master, Mr. Byworth, that Sir*

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Allen Apsley, when Lieutenant, made a benefit of the wharf, by letting out to farm the cranes belonging to the Ordnance. That Byworth rented the wharf of Sir Wm. Balfour, so as to make benefit of all vessels, save his Majesty's, that lay near it, and that after Balfour's death, Mr. Cowes and Mr. Bray, warders, rented the wharf in the same manner. That Tayler subsequently farmed it from Col. Barkstead at 100*l. a year, and afterwards rented it of Col. Fitch; and that one Smith also farmed it of Tichborne, when Lieutenant.*

That since the Restoration, Tayler has rented it of Sir John Robinson at 100*l. a year, but without the cranes, which are left free; and that on account of the fire of London, and the materials required for rebuilding, Sir John Robinson might have made* 150*l. a year by it, which sum Taylor alleged he had offered, as also to be bound to keep the wharf well gravelled and paved, as may be attested by the evidence of Capt. Rainsford and Edw. Cressett.—Dec.* 1, *Ordnance Office.* [2¼ *pages. Damaged. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 269, *No.* 74I.]

Dec. 19. Court at Whitehall. Warrant to the Ordnance Commissioners to pay Sir John Robinson 500*l*. at once from their treasury, as compensation since 12 Sept. 1664, and also 100*l*. yearly, for his loss by the Tower wharf being kept free from any public use, the Lieutenant of the Tower formerly granting its use to other persons, and receiving benefit therefrom. [*Ibid. No.* 75.]

[Dec. 19.] Copy of part of the above. [*Ibid. No.* 76.]

Dec. 19. Entry of the above. Repeated with a slight variation, Dec. 29. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *ff.* 185, 186.]

Dec. 19. Pass for Thomas, Viscount Fauconberg, with his train, baggage, and 62 horses, going ambassador to Venice. [*Ibid. p.* 185.]

Dec. 19. The King to the executors of Sir John Jacob, Sir Nich. Crisp, and Sir John Harrison, late Farmers of Customs. Capt. John Guillim, and his wife Isabella, have represented that 300*l*. of her portion was lent to Sir Paul Pindar, and other Farmers of Customs of the late King, as part of the 200,000*l*. advanced by them, for payment of which they bound themselves in a bond of 500*l*., of which only 300*l*. has been repaid. We recommend repayment of the remaining 200*l*. out of any moneys remaining in your hands. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 31, *f.* 41.]

Dec. 19. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Has no news to send. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 269, *No.* 77.]

Dec. 19. Dover. Capt. John Kelsy, of the *Fanfan*, to the Navy Commissioners. I have taken care for the security of my mainmast, and having received 2 months' provisions, I am bound to sea. [*Ibid. No.* 78.]

Dec. 20. Stockwith. John Russell to the Navy Commissioners. I have cleared all my accounts to 1 May 1668, of money received and laid out, and do not know what you mean by yours of the 9th; I send particulars of disbursements for land and water carriage of timber. Mr. Lester will clear a place, so as to get the timber to the water side. The river is frozen over; when it breaks, I will get the work done. [*Ibid. No.* 79.]

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Dec. 20. Bedford Street. J. Pearse, Surgeon-General, to the Navy Commissioners. I suppose you know how I served his Majesty in the late war, and that the salary allowed was such as no surgeon of any practice or reputation would have left this town to go into the country for, much less to sea. Since the war, I have viewed and reported on the wounds of several officers, and the commanders of the ships and yachts send their sick and hurt to me, to recommend them to the hospitals; they also apply to me to recommend their surgeons, not trusting to the Governors of our Hall, who often happen to be unknown and unqualified.

I have had several references from you, in cases of difference between surgeons or their widows, about paying for the chests of the deceased surgeon, or right to the twopences. I have often attended your Board with propositions about sick and wounded, and providing recruits of medicines for the fleet at sea, which takes up much time, and gives me no small trouble and expense, without any manner of advantage. I submit whether, the Navy being so much increased, your office can be without a person qualified to do such services, and whether such person would not deserve 130*l.* a year for his trouble and charge. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 269, *No.* 80.]

Dec. 20. Journal by George Roberts of the *James* hoy, of a voyage from Deptford to Stockwith for timber, and back to Woolwich, between 12 Nov. and 20 Dec. 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 81.]

Dec. 20. Navy Office. Col. Thos. Middleton and Commissioner John Cox to the Navy Commissioners. Answers to 14 queries submitted by the Board, as to why so many boats are kept in Chatham Yard, and so many men to attend the officers, and as to other expenses. [1½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 82.]

Dec. $\frac{20}{30}$. Leghorn. Earl of Castlemaine to Lord [Arlington]. I am going to Spain; strong censures of the conduct of Mr. Kent, Consul at Rome, who was employed by Cromwell. [3½ *pages. Much defaced. Ibid. No.* 83.]

Dec. 20. Hull. Charles Whittington to Williamson. The *Catherine* of Hull has arrived with barley, flax, potashes, &c., from Dantzic, and another of Hull with oil and iron from Hamburg; also a Swede from Stockholm with iron. Two vessels have sailed for Zierick See, laden with lamproons [lampreys], a great commodity in those parts.

The conventicles and meetings of disaffected persons have been more frequent, and are little regarded by the magistrates, which encourages them so much that they may as well be called public as private meetings. It is reported that the King is very rich, and has no present occasion for money, and that the Parliament will not meet on 14 Feb.; or if it does, it will only consist of the Court party, who will have despatched the supply, and be ready to prorogue, by the time the country gentlemen come up. I hope you have tasted the ale sent for your acceptance. Thanks for the news. [*Ibid. No.* 84.]

Dec. 21. Kinsale. Thos. Burrowes to Hickes. Particulars of the arrival of ships, in one of which, from Cadiz, Col. Norwood, Governor of Tangiers, has arrived. [*Ibid. No.* 85.]

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Dec. 21.
Portsmouth.
Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Several ships from Bordeaux, Malaga, &c., have been forced in by contrary winds. One from Rouen has wines for his Majesty. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 269, *No.* 86.]

Dec. 21.
Plymouth.
John Clarke to Hickes. Thirty ships are in port wind-bound; some of them set sail yesterday, but were forced back again. [*Ibid. No.* 87.]

Dec. 21.
Windsor Castle.
Sir H. De Vic to Williamson. I received from Sir Edw. Walker a copy of the King's letter to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, on behalf of my son Charles. I find there is a mistake in it, which must be rectified; he is only an ensign, but is called captain of a company, which he well deserves, and would have obtained it, but for the cessation of Lord Ormond's power. Two months' leave of absence is the time required. [1¼ *pages. Ibid. No.* 88.]

Dec. 21.
Portsmouth.
Capt. Ant. Deane to the Navy Commissioners. I will encourage chapmen to convert goods for the service, that we may not be so tied to Master Cole. The 16 oaks offered will be fit for the first-rate ship now in hand, and will be delivered at Emsworth at 11½*d.* a foot girt measure, which will bring it to less than 10*d.* a foot, and we shall have liberty to choose them from Lord Lumley's wood. If you refuse them, Master Cole will have them. The 30 loads of plank is to be delivered free, but the beam trees are so long that none but our vessels can take them in. We can be supplied with 20,000 broom at 3*s.* 3*d.* a hundred, which is 3*d.* less than formerly. I sent about Mr. Newland's goods, but the winds prevent his coming to answer. [*Ibid. No.* 89.] *Encloses,*

> *Tender by Edw. Benson of* 16 *oak trees for gun deck beams, for a first-rate ship building at Portsmouth, at* 4*l. a load.*—16 *Dec.* 1669. [*Ibid. No.* 89i.]

Dec. 21.
Deptford.
Jonas Shish to the Navy Commissioners. I have a mainmast ready for a 4th and for a 5th rate ship, which shall be sent aboard the *William*, for Sir Thos. Allin's fleet. [*Ibid. No.* 90.]

Dec. 22.
Request by Rob. Mayors for a warrant to Deptford, for receiving 19 loads of elm timber for carved work, from Nicholas Histing. [*Ibid. No.* 91.]

Dec. 22.
Chatham.
Edw. Gregory and J. Wilson to the Navy Commissioners. No stores have been fetched away since our last return; we do not know what remains in store, having no account of what was sold. We send part of our account, and promise the rest at the end of the year. [*Ibid. No.* 92.]

Dec. 22.
Chatham.
J. Wilson to the Navy Commissioners. I have examined my predecessor's books and receipts, and send particulars of iron and masts received from the *Dover* prize, Sir Wm. Warren, and Mr. Ruffhead. With note by Edw. Gregory that he finds as stated by Mr. Wilson. [*Ibid. No.* 93.]

Dec. 22.
Warrant for a reprieve to Charles Corfield and Charles Legree, condemned for killing Mat. Seales, a bailiff. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 28, *f.* 29.]

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Dec. 22. Commission for Henry Golding to be lieutenant in Capt. Henry Pommeroy's company, in the Holland regiment of foot, under Col. Sir Walter Vane, in place of Mathew Cary. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 29, *p.* 35.]

Dec. 22. Commission to Walter Morgan to be ensign in the same company. [*Ibid.*]

Dec. 22. Windsor Castle. Sir H. De Vic to Williamson. I have received 2 letters from my son since his going hence to London, but not knowing his address, I cannot reply. I beg Sir Edw. Walker, if at Whitehall, will wait upon you for the paper signed by the King, and I will repay him the fees due for it; pray give me a copy of the paper. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 269, *No.* 94.]

Dec. 22. Falmouth. Thos. Holden to Hickes. Several English and Dutch ships, from Bordeaux and other places in France, are waiting a fair wind. The *Abraham's Offering* of Rotterdam and several others put to sea, but the wind changing, one of them was cast away near Plymouth; a French vessel ran ashore near the Manacles, but the men and goods were saved. I hear by a vessel from Rochelle that M. Colbert is there, looking after the building of ships, and that the general talk is of a war with Holland. The *Roebuck* has sailed for Tangiers. [*Ibid. No.* 95.]

Dec. 22. Same to Williamson. To the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 96.]

Dec. 22. Pembroke. John Powell to Williamson. Has no news to send at present. [*Ibid. No.* 97.]

Dec. 23. Harwich. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The wind is easterly, and the passage boats make their returns according to custom, but without any intelligence from such persons as have come in them. The weather is so thick with snow that we cannot see to sea. [*Ibid. No.* 98.]

Dec. 23. Portsmouth. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. All things are quiet. [*Ibid. No.* 99.]

Dec. 23. Swansea. Jo. Man to Williamson. The *George* of Minehead, with wine and salt from France to Bridgewater, has been forced ashore, and much of her salt wasted, but we hope to get her off next tide; she lost her boat and mainmast at sea. [*Ibid. No.* 100.]

Dec. 23. Glentworth. Lord Fanshaw to [Williamson]. I am glad to find that the King will stick to the interest that was ever faithful to him and his father; there is no trusting to those who will be tied by neither favours nor oaths. This gives great satisfaction to the people; I have spoken with 3 Parliament men, who think his Majesty could not do himself greater right than rely on those who, in the worst of times, never swerved from him, but maintained his title at the hazard of their lives; those who are forward to serve all powers will be faithful to none. I hope his Majesty will bring about a thorough reformation by degrees, and am glad he has set apart some time to look into the accounts. I hope to be in London 20 Jan. [*Ibid. No.* 100A.]

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Dec. 23. Edinburgh. Parliament of Scotland to the King. Thanks for your gracious letter. We have been greatly assisted by the eminent abilities of the Earl of Lauderdale. In separating, we will carry to the country the assurances of your Majesty's grace and goodness. Signed by the Earl of Rothes, Chancellor. [*Printed in Acts of Parliament of Scotland, Vol. VII., p.* 573. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 269, *No.* 101.]

Dec. 23. Copy of the above, with a list of the Acts passed in that Parliament, and touched with the royal sceptre. [*Ibid. No.* 10.]

Dec. 23. Whitehall. Proclamation requiring the attendance of the members of both Houses of Parliament on 14 Feb. 1670. [*Printed. Ibid. No.* 102.]

Dec. 23. Draft of the above. [*Ibid. No.* 103.]

Dec. 23. Copy of the above. [*S.P. Dom., Proc. Coll., Vol. III., p.* 274.]

Dec. 23. Whitehall. Warrant for a grant to Sir Edmond Wyndham, Bart., Knight Marshal, of the estate of Henry Salter of Payhembury, co. Devon, deceased, forfeited by suicide. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 269, *No.* 104.]

Dec. Entry of the above, dated 29 Dec. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 186.]

Dec. 23. Whitehall. Warrant to Lord Chief Justice Kelynge, and the Recorder and Sheriffs of London, to insert the name of Thomas Poulton, convicted at the Old Bailey for house-breaking, in the next transportation pardon, on account of his youth and penitence, and his having been seduced by evil company. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 28, *f.* 29.]

Dec. 23. Abra. Parker to the Navy Commissioners. Pray consider whether it was his Royal Highness' intention, in referring my petition for payment of my salary to you, that I should be delayed a year and a-half, to my damage of nearly 20 times its value. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 269, *No.* 105.]

Dec. 23. Same to the Same. I send an account by the clerk of the Ticket Office, of the work done by me and 2 others in mustering ships, and the number of ships we respectively mustered, and desire your consideration whether his Royal Highness did or would have imprisoned me, and barred my salary more than the others. I submit it to you whether I have had the justice promised, or whether you think it reasonable I should longer wait for it, contrary to his Royal Highness' express desire. [*Ibid. No.* 106.]

Dec. 23. Portsmouth. Ant. Deane and 2 others to the Navy Commissioners. Particulars of the size of the plank served into the stores by Mr. Coles. [*Ibid. No.* 107.]

Dec. 23. Capt. Emondes Greene to the Navy Commissioners. You having entrusted me to look after and prevent the embezzling of his Majesty's goods, I hope it appears to you that I have been faithful and diligent in the trust, though it has been much to my charge, and endangering my life. I request a recommendation to his Royal Highness, for some encouragement. [*Ibid. No.* 108.]

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Dec. 24. Chatham. Edw. Gregory to the Navy Commissioners. I was never able to keep counter-books of issues with the storekeeper, for 3 reasons stated, and no clerk of the cheque has ever performed it, except by furnishing a bare implicit transcription of the storekeeper's books. [2 *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 269, *No.* 109.]

Dec. 24. London. James Hickes to [Williamson]. I wish you a merry Christmas. When you have methodised and settled your correspondents passing our office, pray impart it, that I may prosecute your measures. Your lists have come the last 2 posts neither dated nor signed. [*Ibid. No.* 110.]

Dec. 24. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. Upwards of 30 ships, bound for places named, have put in by contrary winds, and as many more were here before they came. I am still affected with the dropsy and scorbutic distemper. [*Ibid. No.* 111.]

Dec. 24. Carisbrooke Castle. Sir Rob. Holmes to Williamson. I have not received any news from your men since being here; this is not the way to have your business done here. [*Ibid. No.* 112.]

Dec. 24. Norwich. Thos. Corie to Williamson. While attending Lord Arlington at Thetford, on Wednesday last, I presented a letter to him from the mayor and aldermen of Norwich, praying his assistance in obtaining a letter from his Majesty, authorising them and their successors to limit a time to stage and puppet players, lotteries, and shows; by frequently resorting to Norwich, they divert the meaner sort of people from their labour in the manufactories, thereby occasioning a vain expense of time and money. His lordship has promised to comply, and desired me to request you to hasten the letter, as the players intend returning within 14 days. I send a copy of a former letter obtained by Lord Howard which, if copied as altered, and a clause added giving power to commit such as shall refuse to obey the limitation of time, will answer the purposes required. [*Ibid. No.* 113.] *Annexing,*

> *John Lawrence and* 20 *others to Lord Arlington. We acknowledge your former favours to this city, particularly your obtaining, by mediation of our patron, Lord Hen. Howard, his Majesty's letter limiting the time of lotteries, puppet plays, and other shows in this city, by the frequent resort to which of the meaner sort of people, we have been much damnified in our manufactures. We pray your assistance in procuring from the King an order for a limited time to stage players resorting here, as they drain too much money from the inhabitants, and the place is being daily impoverished by decay of trade, and the charge of maintaining the poor.—Norwich,* 21 *Dec.* [21 *signatures. Ibid. No.* 113I.]

Dec. 25. Velez, Malaga. Sir Thos. Allin to Williamson. I found the *Pearl* here at anchor, who has taken 2 prizes. The *Bristol, Foresight,* and *Deptford* ketch are cruising off Cape de Gata. I have received no news of the *Mary* since she parted company while chasing. [*Ibid. No.* 114.]

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Dec. 25. Harwich. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The Dutch and English packet-boats have been forced back by the easterly wind. The 3 or 4 days of snow hinders the sight of anything at sea. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 269, *No.* 115.]

Dec. 25. Woolwich. Wm. Acworth to the Navy Commissioners. None of the provisions sold in May remain unfetched away, except those bought by John Taylor, of which I send particulars. [*Ibid. No.* 116.]

Dec. 26. Glentworth. Lord Fanshaw to Williamson. Thanks for your letter and new year's gift. I hope the King will gain an advantage by his proclamation. I have been confined by frost and snow, ever since I came into the country, so I cannot send any news. I hear the Duke of York took up our worthy and wooden-legged Commissioner smartly, and if the King should take him up another way, it would not much trouble me. [*Ibid. No.* 117.]

Dec. 26. Deal. Rich. Watts to Charles Perrot, at Lord Arlington's. Lord St. Albans, and Commissioners, and Lady Brouncker have arrived from Calais in the King's pleasure boat. They were in much danger on the Goodwin; though the wind was very high, our seamen launched a boat and landed them. They have sent for their coaches, which are at Canterbury. [*Ibid. No.* 118.]

Dec. 27. Deal. Same to the Same. Having received differing instructions, I desire to know whether I am to correspond with Muddiman or you. Several pieces of wreck have been taken up at or near Deal, supposed to be pieces of wrecks lost on the Goodwin. [*Ibid. No.* 119.]

Dec. 27./Jan. 6. Walt. Watkin and Company to Walt. Jago and Fras. Hill. We acknowledge yours of 15 Aug., and an enclosure for Jeremiah Arminger, which would have been delivered had they come safe to hand; but the *King David* was surprised by an Algiers pirate, off Cape St. Vincent; after 3 days' resistance, she boarded him and killed 70 Moors, and forced every man overboard; but meeting 3 days after with 5 more pirates, she saw no remedy but to surrender. After some days, she was retaken by Capt. Kempthorne, but he meeting with 6 others, was forced to leave her, and engage with them several hours. The *King David* was then again taken by the Turks, but in entering the Straits, she was retaken by Sir Thos. Allin, and sent to Malaga, and we hope she will now be restored to those interested. Her lading is masts, plank, and barrel staves, with some leaf tobacco; but from being so many times retaken, she is almost shot to pieces, and is full of water. We have not been able to get anything out of her, but will endeavour to do so. We send this letter by Capt. Frankling. [*Copy. Ibid. No.* 119A.]

Dec. 27. Chatham. J. Wilson to the Navy Commissioners. I received the books with the seals broken off, but cannot say whether they had been opened. I send an account of articles sold to Capt. Shales and 2 others, still remaining in my charge. [*Ibid. No.* 120.]

Dec. 28. The King to the Master and Fellows of St. John's College, Cambridge. The learning and endowments of John Jackson, B.A., scholar of your college, fit him for preferment, but he is rendered

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incapable by your statute allowing no more than 2 Fellows of the same county. If on inquiry you find him as worthy as he is represented, we dispense with the said statute, and request you to admit him to a fellowship. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 27, *f.* 153.]

Dec. 28. Plymouth. John Clarke to Hickes. I am too ill to write to Williamson, or to Perrott, to whom he has transferred his private correspondence. Three vessels have arrived, and there are above 70 here, of which nearly 20 are Dutch and Hamburghers, all waiting a fair wind to carry them up the Channel. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 269, *No.* 121.]

Dec. 28. Harwich. Silas Taylor to Williamson. A packet-boat set sail from Holland on Friday, but no tidings have been heard of it; the great snow and frost hinder the vessels from sailing. [*Ibid. No.* 122.]

Dec. 29. *Resolution*, Malaga Road. Sir Thos. Allin to Williamson. I have been on the coast of Barbary; I chased several of the enemy's ships on shore, and burned 2, and believe the *Bristol*, *Foresight*, and *Pearl* took another. I must call at Malaga to inquire after the rest of our fleet, that separated from us on that chase. [*Ibid. No.* 114.]

Dec. 29. Chester. Ma. Anderton to Perrott. I have corresponded with Williamson for some years, but will address you for the future as directed, and give you an account of what happens, and the motions of the disturbers of our peace. [*Ibid. No.* 123.]

Dec. 29. Milford. John Powell to Hickes. The *Providence* of Topsham, with oils from Portugal, was bulged in this harbour, most of her oils being lost. [*Ibid. No.* 124.]

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Dec. 29. Eliz. Booth (*daughter of George, 1st Lord Delamere, afterwards Countess of Conway*) to the Countess [dowager] of Strafford, Houghtton-Roberts near Doncaster. I have been tormented with toothache since coming to town. I offer you my services. I am at the Limehouse Fields, at the Blue Ball, near the Turnstile. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 125.]

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Dec. 29. Commission for Col. Rich. Kirby to be captain of the company of foot in the Duke of Albemarle's regiment, late Sir Frescheville Hollis'. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 20, *p.* 204.]

Dec. 29. Warrant for a licence to Sir John Clayton and George Blake, to build and maintain a lighthouse on the mouth of the river Humber, which they are willing to do at their own charge, in thankfulness for their licence to erect 8 lighthouses on the northern coasts, with proviso that they obtain a certificate from 500 shipmasters or mariners, that such a light is necessary. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 25, *f.* 140.]

Dec. 29. Licence to Lord Brian of Ibrackan to continue in England for 4 months after the expiration of 3 months already granted, to attend some matters at law depending, without prejudice to his pay as captain of a foot company in Ireland. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 186.]

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Dec. 29. Bawtry. Thos. Lister to the Navy Commissioners. I will accommodate Mr. Russell with room on my wharf for laying the timber, but as the benefit of the wharf is my chief subsistence, and the long continuance of the timber on it has been very prejudicial to me, I hope you will take care that it is regularly piled up, and removed in reasonable time. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 269, *No.* 126.]

Dec. 29. Deptford. Thos. Turner and Wm. Fownes to the Navy Commissioners. We send an account of the timber received into the stores from any of his Majesty's forests, from Jan. to Dec. 1668. There being so much ice in the river, no more can come down until next month. [*Ibid. No.* 127.]

Dec. 29. Deptford. Thos. Turner and 3 others to the Navy Commissioners. We made Mr. Foley's bill anew, and have given all his spikes the title of small and ordinary, as the bags exceed the weight of extra, and come short of the small. [*Ibid. No.* 128.]

Dec. 30. Navy Office. Sir John Mennes to the Navy Commissioners. I report on the case of Abraham Parker, muster master, referred to me by you, that he had a warrant, 2 June 1666, to act as muster master to the Admiral of the Red division, his predecessor being slain the day preceding. Particulars of ships mustered, and books sent in by him to the Navy Office, and of his diligent performance of duty. [4¾ *pages. Ibid. No.* 129.]

Dec. 30. Lisbon. John Stanley to Pepys. I send muster books of Sir Edw. Spragg's squadron, by Capt. John Walter, who goes home a passenger in the *Richard and Mathew.* [*Ibid. No.* 130.]

Dec. 30. Portsmouth. St. J. Steventon to Pepys. The *Portsmouth* sloop came in yesterday; I desire an order for supplying her with victuals. [*Ibid. No.* 131.]

Dec. 30. Account by Owen Hurst of the proceedings of the *Mary Rose* frigate, under Rear-Admiral Kempthorne, from 6 Dec., when she sailed from Tangiers, to 20 Dec.; with a narrative of her fight with 6 Turkish men-of-war in the Bay of Cadiz, in which Rear-Admiral Kempthorne behaved with wisdom and gallantry. [3 *pages. Ibid. No.* 132.]

Dec. 30. The King [to the Vice-Chancellor and Senate of Cambridge]. The Turkey Company having appointed Phil. Traheron their preacher at Smyrna, have requested our letter for him to be created B.D. without performing the usual exercises, which we grant for his encouragement. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 27, *f.* 153.]

Dec. 31. Plymouth. John Clarke to Williamson. I will write to Mr. Perrott for the future, as directed; 70 sail of merchant ships are in port, waiting a fair wind. [*Ibid. No.* 133.]

Dec. 31 Bridlington. John Bower to Hickes. A vessel from North Bergen with tar was put ashore, and has broken all to pieces, but the men and most part of her lading were saved by the seamen of the town. This is the first wreck I have heard of upon this coast. [*Ibid. No.* 134.]

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M. Oldenburg to Williamson. I hear from France that it is not true that reprisals have been given against the Dutch. The Prince of Haversberg, the most reasonable man in the Emperor's Council, is disgraced at Vienna, for complaining that effort enough was not made to have him named Cardinal by the King of Poland.

There is nothing more magnificent than the [French] King's cabinet; on one side philosophers and historians, and many MSS.; on the other a great library, Arabic, Hebrew, and Syriac. A magnificent laboratory has lately been made, a room for dissection of animals, and another for the academy of our philosophers. M. du Clos lodges there, in order to work better.

M. Careavy labours to do something worthy of the King and his magnificence; never has so much been expended to advance philosophy, chemistry, and astronomy, so that great discoveries may be hoped for. I wish something might be done here by our philosophers worthy of our King, who has subjects as able to improve good knowledge as any prince in the world, if encouraged and assisted. [2 *pages. Partly in French. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 269, *No.* 135.]

Dec. 31.

Chas. Mattei to Williamson. I beseech you to look to my despatches, and his Royal Highness, my master, will acknowledge the obligation. Let me see the letters before they are signed, for I must speak with you thereon. [*French. Ibid. No.* 136.]

Dec. 31.

Mandamus to the University of Cambridge for Mr. Chamberlain to be Doctor of Laws. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 19, *p.* 114.]

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Licence to the Sheriff of Devon to live in Exeter during his shrievalty. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 30, *f.* 186.]

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The King to the Attorney-General. We granted to Fras. Rogers 16,000*l.* due from Sir John Prettyman, late Receiver-General of Firstfruits and Tenths; but though several executions have been issued against the said Sir John, and Sir George Prettyman, one of his securities, little or nothing has yet been received. You are to take this into your care, and prosecute the said Sir John and Sir George, and their securities, to recover the same. [*Ibid. f.* 187.]

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Draft of the above. [1½ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 269, *No.* 137.]

Dec.
Court at Whitehall.

Warrant for a grant to John Richardson to be yeoman pricker of the harriers, in place of Wm. Bell; fee 40*l.* a year, to be paid monthly. [*Ibid. No.* 138.]

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Like warrant to Nathaniel Bird to be yeoman pricker of the harriers in place of Gregory Granger. [*Ibid. No.* 139.]

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The King to Sir Wm. Armorer. As we find that great spoils are made on our game, we give full power to you and your deputies, to seize and detain any setting dogs, guns, and nets used therefor. With writ of assistance. [*Parchment. Ibid. No.* 140.]

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Court at Whitehall.

Approval by the King of the election, by the Mayor, Aldermen, &c., of Sudbury, Suffolk, of John Catesby as town clerk, and clerk of the peace for the borough. [*Parchment. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 269, *No.* 141.]

Dec.

Book of "Signings," being lists of documents signed by the King, from 5 June 1668 to 15 Dec. 1669. [*Written by Williamson's clerks. Ibid. No.* 142.]

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Statement that in Michaelmas term 1668, John Starkey, bookseller in Fleet Street, published a catalogue of books printed that term, called "*Mercurius Librarius*," promising to continue it each term; that Rob. Clavell, formerly a bookseller, and now in the Post Office, counterfeited the design by printing a similar list, but only of books which the booksellers paid him for inserting, and that he obtained leave from Mr. L'Estrange to suppress the other catalogue, and from the Post Office to send some 400 of these catalogues to booksellers post free, in hopes of their bringing letters in return. Request that Starkey, who was the first designer, and whose catalogue is much more useful, may be permitted to continue it. [*Ibid. No.* 143.] *Annexing,*

> *Starkey's* "Mercurius Librarius," *or catalogue of books, for Michaelmas* 1668. [*Printed. Ibid. No.* 143I.]

Dec. ?

Information offered to Lord Ashley, that the Earl of Danby left 100*l.* to the Physic Garden at Oxford, 40*l.* thereof being to the present gardener, and 28*l.* thereof is payable to the King; that the University have chosen Dr. Rob. Morrison professor [of botany], and if the King will relinquish this 28*l.*, it shall be settled on this professorship, and Dr. Morrison will give a discharge to the Exchequer, of so much of the arrears due to him from the King. [*Ibid. No.* 144.]

Dec. ?

Jos. Williamson to Thos. Chicheley. Tell me the next post town to Sutton, Isle of Ely, where John Cole, one of Cromwell's captains, dwells, and how letters may be conveyed to him. *Also,*

Thos. Chicheley to Williamson. Godmanchester is the nearest post to Capt. Cole's place; he lives at Chatteris, near Somersham. Endorsed, "Cole and Herne." [*Ibid. No.* 145.]

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Account [by Sir Thos. Allin] of damage done to the Algerines by the English squadron since the breach, from 5 Sept. to 21 Nov. 1669.

5 Sept.—We seized a boat with wheat, and 11 Moors.

7 Sept.—The *Bristol* took another with planks, and 56 Moors, men, women, and children; the *Pearl, Portland,* and *Nonsuch* chased the *Gold Rose* ashore and beat her, killing many men, so that her crew burnt her, with all the sails standing, and 24 guns.

8 Sept.—Capt. Beach, and the *Deptford* ketch, took a brigantine laden with compass timber; Sir Edw. Spragg retook the *Abraham's Sacrifice* of Amsterdam, with some Moors, iron, and deals, and also a boat at Tangiers with 11 Moors.

29 Sept.—We fetched a small fishing boat from the shore. We blocked them up from 5 Sept. to 19 Oct., during which time we took up above a dozen slaves that swam off to us.

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19 Oct.—We prevented a prize, laden with poor jack, from getting into Algiers, so they set her on fire.

Nov.—The *Milford* took the *Rose* man-of-war, also the *Spread Eagle*, with 56 Moors, and 3 Christian slaves. Capt. Darcy retook an English vessel laden at Malaga with fruit and 16 Moors. Rear-Admiral Kempthorne retook Mr. Clemens' flyboat, with 20 Moors, and was forced to quit her again, but she was retaken by the *Pearl*, with 13 Moors and 2 English slaves.

14 Dec.—We came from Barbary, and stood into Cape Paul, and forced the *Palm Tree* man-of-war so far into the bay that she was lost, the captain, Mustapha Rise, 100 men, and 47 Carthagena slaves being drowned.

19–21 Dec.—We chased several ships ashore, firing one, a man-of-war, and she blew up. The *Pearl* retook a Portuguese vessel, with 20 Moors and some Christian slaves. Rear-Admiral Kempthorne had 12 men killed, and several wounded, in his engagement with 5 Algiers men-of-war. Noted as received Feb. 1669–70. [2 *pages*. 2 *copies*. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 269, *Nos.* 146, 147.]

Dec. ? Petition of Elizabeth Eyres to Lord Arlington, for permission for her father, Wm. Eyres, to remain with her in London, notwithstanding the order for all officers in the late usurper's army, whose habitations are not here, to depart 20 miles from London. He was 5 years imprisoned for declaring against the proceedings of Oliver and the usurpers, and yet has only been liberated by order of Council a month ago, having been in prison ever since the Restoration. [*Ibid. No.* 147A.]

Dec. Particulars of marsh lands belonging to the executors of Francis, Lord Dacre, part of Pevensey manor, Sussex, belonging to the Duchy of Lancaster, late the Queen Mother's jointure. [*Ibid. No.* 148.]

Dec. ? Request by Sir Thos. Bond who, on promise of repayment from the late Queen's revenue, entered into joint bonds for divers payments of debts and expenses, that the said sums, as specified, may be discharged before any other payments are made, when the plate and bonds shall be given up. [*Ibid. No.* 149.]

Dec. ? Order that Sir Thos. Bond, being on his Majesty's special service, be not damaged by his absence from his trial in the Common Pleas, and that a new trial be permitted him. Endorsed, "Mr. Mason." [*Ibid. No.* 150.]

Dec. ? [Rich. Lockhart] to Lord [Arlington]. I was page of the backstairs to the late Queen Mother 24 years, had the charge of her wardrobe and beds in all her journeys and removals, and the conduct of goods sent by her from France at the King's marriage; after her death, I was charged with bringing back all her wardrobe goods to England. I received nothing for my services before the Restoration but 30 pistoles a year. I beg employment for my future subsistence. [*Ibid. No.* 151.] *Annexing,*

Form of a warrant to the Gentlemen Ushers, to swear in Rich. Lockhart, the King's servant, as page of the backstairs to the Queen, on the first vacancy. [*Ibid. No.* 151I.]

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Dec. ? Petition of Rich. Lockhart and Edw. Roberts, pages of the backstairs to the late Queen Mother, to the King, for some employment or a small pension; have had no means of earning a livelihood, since her decease. Marked, "Mr. Mitton." [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 269, *No.* 152.]

Dec. ? Petition of Rebecca, wife of Capt. Duteil, to the King, for permission to remain in Somerset House, or for payment of arrears due to her husband from the late Queen Mother; has no money to pay for other lodgings, her husband being away on his Majesty's service and often drawing bills on her therefor. [*Ibid. No.* 152A.]

Dec. ? Petition of the Corporation for the poor within the weekly bills of mortality in Middlesex, to Queen Henrietta Maria. The King, by Act of Parliament, commanded that the poor within the places named should be set on work, and be governed and relieved by a corporation, empowered to erect workhouses, and provide a stock, by raising a year's tax to the poor; but the multitude of indigent and languishing wretches so much exceeds that inconsiderable provision—as your Majesty will see by a narrative annexed—that we are forced to beg on their behalf. We crave your alms, that your example may provoke others to good works, and multiply the bounty; and as your incomparable charity overshines the rest of your virtues, and as you are pleased to keep your residence amongst us, we begin our cravings at your palace door, to enable us to keep from thence all idle and importune ones, by providing work for the able, relief for the impotent, succour for the destitute, and a habitation for all. Endorsed, "A Petition to the late Queen Mother."* [*Ibid. No.* 152B.]

Dec.
Deal. Lists sent by Morgan Lodge to Williamson, of King's and merchant ships in the Downs, and the state of the wind.

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153	Dec.	1	1	20	S.	
154	,,	2	1	18	S.S.W.	
155	,,	3	1	27	S.W.	
156	,,	4	1	29	N.N.W.	
157	,,	5	1	—	S.E.	
158	,,	7	1	32	N.N.W.	
159	,,	9	1	44	W.	
160	,,	10	2	50	N.E.	
161	,,	12	1	11	E.N.E.	
162	,,	15	1	—	N.W.	
163	,,	16	1	—	N.N.W.	
164	,,	17	1	2	N.	
165	,,	18	1	—	N.E.	
166	,,	18	1	—	N.W.	
167	,,	19	1	4	N.W.	
168	,,	20	1	4	S.E.	Stormy weather.
169	,,	22	1	3	E.	Do.
170	,,	22	1	2	E.	Do.
171	,,	23	1	2	E.	Do.
172	,,	27	1	2	N.W.	The fleet has sailed.
173	,,	30	1	—	E.	

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* The date of its first presentation was probably about 1664; the Queen Mother resided in England from 1662 to 1665.

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Tenders of goods, addressed to the Navy Commissioners by merchants and manufacturers, as follows :—

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174	Jan. 26	Edward Smith	Timber	2*l.* 10*s.* per load.
175	,, 26	Edw. Moorcock and Wm. Moorcock.	,,	3*l.* 3*s.* to 4*l.* 5*s.* per load.
176	,, 29	Wm. Wood	Spruce deals	11*s.* 6*d.* to 14*s.* per piece.
177	Feb. 13	[Austin] Kingsbury	Timber	3*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* to 3*l.* 10*s.* per load.
			Knees	4*l.* per load.
178	,, 17	Geo. Body	Deals	15*s.* per piece.
179	,, 27	Edw. Smith	Timber & blocks	4*l.* and 2*l.* 5*s.* per load.
180	,, 27	Giles Clarke	Oars	2½*d.* per foot.
181	Mar. 18	Wm. Wood	Masts	1*l.* 5*s.* to 8*l.* per hundred.
			Bowsprits	25*l.* to 11*s.* each.
			Spars	34*l.* to 9*l.* 10*s.* each.
182	,,	Wm. Streete	Balks	9*s.* to 1*s.* 5*d.* a piece.
183	,,	John Watts	Oars	2¾*d.* per foot.
184	April 6	John Mason	Timber	2*l.* 2*s.* and 2*l.* 10*s.* per load.
185	July 3	Wm. Wood	Spruce deals	10*s.* and 12*s.* per piece.
186	,, 3	John Shorter	Timber	——
187	,, 31	Simon Harsfield	,,	(damaged)
188	,, ,,	[John] Shorter	,,	3*l.* 10*s.* per load.
189	Aug. 5	Wm. Wood	Deals & timber	Various prices.
190	,, 5	John Shorter	,, ,,	,, ,,
191	,, 5	Peter Rich	,, ,,	,, ,,
192	,, 7	Mr. Coles	Treenails	2*l.* 11*s.* to 8*l.* 10*s.* per hundred.
193	,, 10	Edw. Hills	Bricks, lime, & brush.	——
194	,, 10	John Ruffhead	Anchors	3*l.* 10*s.* to 4*l.* 15*s.* per cwt.
195	,, 10	Austin Kingsbury	Timber	3*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* to 4*l.* 10*s.* per load.
196	,, 14	Wm. Wood	Timber	2*l.* 6*s.* and 2*l.* 9*s.* per load.
			Deals	5*l.* per hundred.
197	,, 19	John Mason	Timber	——
198	,, 19	Geo. Body	,,	——
199	,, 24	Oliver Westland	Tar	9*l.* to 9*l.* 10*s.* per last.
200	,, 26	Wm. Wood	Timber	——
201	,, 30	Mr. Harrington	East country plank.	——
202	,, 31	Oliver Westland	Oil	19*l.* per tun.
			Pitch	11*l.* 10*s.* per last.
			Deals	5*l.* 5*s.* per hundred.
203	Sept. 14	Capt. J. Gibbs	Timber	——
204	,, 18	John Hill	Gottenburg pitch	——
205	,,	Oliver Westland	Tar	9*l.* 10*s.* per last.
			Pitch	13*l.* 10*s.* per last.
			Plank	4*s.* a piece.
			Iron	13*l.* 15*s.* per ton.
206	,,	,,	Deals	——
207	Oct. 8	Geo. Body	Plank	——
208	,, ,,	,,	,,	4*l.* per load.
209	,, 16	Wm. Wood	Deals, banks, spars, & timber.	Various prices.
210	,, 20	,,	—	Reduces his prices 1*s.* a load.
211	,, 21	George Body	Masts	2*l.* 10*s.* to 9*s.* each.
212	Nov. 27	Hen. Blackborow	Yellow deals	6*l.* 5*s.* per hundred.
213	,, 30	John Shorter	Deals	——
214	Dec. 2	[John] Hill	Tar	From 9*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* to 12*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* per last.
215	,, 5	John Stace	,,	9*l.* 10*s.* per last.
216	,, 7	Oliver Westland	Tar	9*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* per last.
			Deals	6*l.* 10*s.* to 6*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* per hundred.
217	,, 7	John Oveatt	Pitch	12*l* 15*s.* per last.
218	,, 9	Humphrey Swan	Reed	1*l.* 10*s.* per 1,000.
			Broom	2*l.* 8*s.* per 1,000.
219	—	— ——	Timber	2*l.* 18*s.* and 2*l.* 19*s.* per load.
220	—	Mr. Coles	Treenails	Various prices.

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Contracts and Drafts or Minutes of Contracts, &c., with the Navy Commissioners for purchase of goods, &c.

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221	Feb.	Simon Eedes	Reed	34*s.* and 22*s.* per 1,000.
222	„	R. Maddocke	Plank	4*l.* 5*s.* per load.
223	Mar. 3	Mr. Coles	„ and treenails	—
224	„ 6	John Mayle & Wm. Hammond.	Timber	2*l.* per load.
225	April 8	Peter Hasler	„	—
225A	„ 22	Wm. Bright	Buckets	11*s.* the dozen.
225B	June 3	Benj. Newland, junr.	Plank	5*s.* to 20*s.* each, according to size.
225C	„ 28	Rob. Moorcock & Jas. Goffe.	Elm timber	1*l.* 15*s.* a load.
225D	„ 29	John Bachellor	Oak timber, compass & knees.	2*l.* 5*s.* a load.
226	„	Stephen Fox	Spanish timber	—
227 228	July 8	Mr. Mason	Timber	—
229	Aug. 4	Benj. Newland, jun.	Tar	10*l.* per last.
230	„ 17	Mr. Wood	Deals, timber, & spars.	—
230A	„ 26	Peter Hasler	Plank & timber	3*l.* 18*s.* and 2*l.* a load.
231	„	Mr. Coles	Timber & treenails	—
232	Sept. 17	Rich. Taylor	Copper plates & cocks.	At 1*s.* 5*d.* and 1*s.* 8*d.* per pound.
233	„ 18	John Charles	Buckets	13*s.* to 15*s.* per doz.
234	„ 20	Rob. Pangborne	Tiles	17*s.* 6*d.* per 1,000.
235	„ 20	John Hales	Sand	1*s.* 6*d.* to 1*s.* 8*d.* per ton.
236	„ 22	Thos. Gould	*Marmaduke* Wreck	Purchased for 151*l.*
237	„	Wm. Wood & John Shorter.	New England masts.	96*l.* to 18*l.* each.
		John Harrison	Bowsprits	82*l.* to 13*l.*
238	„	Mr. Gould	To carry timber from Hull to Deptford. To cut down the *Stadthouse Van Haarlem* as may be advised, so as to make her a hulk.	—
239	Oct. 2	Thos. Gostling	Candles	13 and 14 to the pound at 4*s.* 6*d.* per doz.
240	„ 5	Wm. Harrington	Masts	—
241	„ 22	Peter Hasler	Elm timber	1*l.* 18*s.* per load.
242	„ 27	Edw. Batten	Candles	(damaged)
243	Nov. 15	Rob. Wakelin	Timber	2*l.* per load.
244	„ 30	Edw. Hills	Wood	(damaged)
245	„	Mr. Ruffhead	Ironwork	Various prices.
246 247	„	Mr. Kingsbury	Timber	—
248	Dec. 10	Thos. Lewsley	Plank	4*l.* 5*s.* per load.
249	„ 13	Chr. Coles	„	4*l.* 2*s.* per load.
250 251	„ 18	Mr. Ruffhead	Anchors	4*l.* to 2*l.* 10*s.* per cwt.
252 253	„ 21	Chr. Coles	Plank	—
254	„ 21	Wm. Oxford	Elm timber	(damaged)
255	—	Mr. Hever	Hinges, iron wedges, bolts, &c.	21*l.* per ton.
256	—	Mr. Harrington	Oars	2½*d.* to 8*d.* per foot.
257 258	—	Sir Wm. Warren	Elm timber	—
259	—	Mr. Oveatt	Rosin	—
260	—	Ald. Barker	Hemp	—
261	—	Mrs. Pley	Sail cloth	—

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General bill of mortality for London and Westminster from 22 Dec. 1668 to 21 Dec. 1669. Christenings, 12,335; burials, 19,432; deaths by plague, 3; increase in burials, 2,154; decrease of deaths by plague, 11. [*Printed. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 269, *No.* 262.]

Weekly bills of mortality as follows:—

Vol. 269. No.	No. of oz. in Penny Loaf.	London and Westminster. Inclusive Dates.	Christened.	Buried.	Increase of Deaths.	Decrease of Deaths.
263	10	Dec. 29 — Jan. 5	254	349	64	—
264	10	Jan. 5 — „ 12	252	380	31	—
265	10	„ 12 — „ 19	262	387	7	—
266	9	„ 19 — „ 26	243	413	26	—
267	9	„ 26 — Feb. 2	268	377	—	36
268	9	Feb. 9 — „ 16	235	333	—	31
269	9	„ 16 — „ 23	260	314	—	19
270	9	June 22 — June 29	214	283	—	11
271	9	July 13 — July 20	215	389	—	2
272	9	„ 20 — „ 27	224	368	—	21
273	9	„ 27 — Aug. 3	233	340	—	28
274	9	Aug. 3 — „ 10	238	437	97	—
275	9	„ 17 — „ 24	245	482	—	28
276	9	„ 24 — „ 31	270	665	183	—
277	11	Sept. 14 — Sept. 21	248	524	—	95
278	10½	Oct. 5 — Oct. 12	249	518	—	35
279	10½	Nov. 2 — Nov. 9	237	334	—	38
280	10½	„ 9 — „ 16	243	306	—	28
281	10½	„ 16 — „ 23	239	335	—	29
282	10½	„ 30 — Dec. 7	239	322	24	—
283	10½	Dec. 7 — „ 14	245	296	—	26
284	10½	„ 14 — „ 21	212	391	95	—
285	10½	„ 21 — „ 28	200	412	21	—

Sixteen weekly reports made by the parish clerks, in printed forms, filled up in MS., from which the preceding tables are compiled. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 269, *Nos.* 286–301.]

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Warrants for naturalizing or making free vessels taken in the late wars and condemned as prizes in the Admiralty Courts of England and Scotland, or vessels foreign built, purchased by British subjects; from *Entry Books Nos.* 25 and 30:—

Date.	Former Name.	Tons.	Present Name.	Owners.	Country whence taken.	Entry Book.	Folio.
1669 Jan. 29	*Hope*	—	*St. Jacob*	John Owen of London	—	25	84
,, 29	—	—	*Charity*	—	Scotland	25	M 85
,, 29	—	—	*Yonker of Fleckerie*	—	—	25	M 85
Feb. 9	—	—	**St. Jacob*	English merchants	France	25	86
,, 11	—	—	**Anne*	—	—	25	M 88
,, 11	—	—	**Christopher*	—	—	25	M 88
,, 11	—	—	*St. John Evangelist*	—	Scotland	25	M 88
,, 12	*Charity of Amsterdam*	—	*John of London*	John Lilburne of London.	—	30	M 107
,, 12	*Last Drager*	—	*Henry*	Jas. Gramond of Yarmouth.	—	30	M 107
,, 12	*Hope*	—	—	—	[States General]	30	M 107
,, 13	*Wapen of Frangner*	—	—	—	—	30	M 108
,, 13	*Indraft*	—	—	—	—	30	M 108
,, 13	*Charity*	—	—	—	—	30	M 108
,, 13	*Trainfort*	—	—	—	—	30	M 109
,, 13	*Young Prince*	—	—	—	—	30	M 109
,, 23	*Swan*	—	**Fortune*	—	States General	25	M 90
,, 23	*Four henskender*	—	—	—	Scotland	25	M 90
,, 28	*Peter*	—	—	—	Scotland	30	M 115
Mar. 3	*Spitzbergh*	—	—	—	Scotland	30	M 117
,, 3	*Casper of Horne*	—	—	—	,,	30	M 117
,, 4	—	200	*Younker*	—	Scotland	25	M 90
,, 6	*Peter*	—	—	—	—	30	M 118
,, 22	—	—	*Charity*	English merchants	—	25	94
,, 22	—	—	*Hope*	—	—	25	M 94
,, 29	—	—	*Young Milkmaid*	—	—	25	M 95
,, 29	—	—	*Blue Whetstone*	—	—	25	M 95
Apr. 23	—	—	*Nicolas*	English merchants	—	25	100
,, 23	—	—	*James*	,, ,,	—	25	M 100
,, 24	—	200	†*Goodwill*	London ,,	—	25	98
,, 24	—	200	†*St. Jacob*	,, ,,	—	25	M 99
,, 24	—	200	†*Fortune*	,, ,,	—	25	M 99
,, 24	—	250	†*John & Elizabeth*	Newcastle ,,	—	25	M 99
,, 24	—	250	†*Warder*	Lowestoft ,,	—	25	M 99
,, 24	—	250	†*Industry*	Yarmouth ,,	—	25	M 99
,, 24	—	—	†*Hope*	London ,,	—	25	M 99
May 8	—	—	*Moore*	,, ,,	States General	25	101
,, 10	—	—	*Peacock*	,, ,,	—	25	M 101
,, 10	—	—	†*Augustus Cæsar*	,, ,,	—	25	M 101
,, 10	—	—	*Charity*	,, ,,	—	25	M 101
,, 13	—	—	*Diamond of London*	,, ,,	—	25	M 105
,, 19	*Swan*	—	—	—	—	25	M 105
,, 19	—	—	*Francis & Mary*	—	—	25	M 105
,, 19	—	—	*Thomas & Mary*	—	—	25	M 105
,, 20	—	60	**Bonadventure*	—	—	25	M 105
,, 21	—	—	†*White Fortune*	London merchants	—	25	M 101
,, 21	—	—	†*White Lamb*	,, ,,	—	25	M 101
,, 21	—	—	†*Hope*	,, ,,	—	25	M 101
June 2	*Jager*	—	*Diligence*	,, ,,	[States General]	25	M 106
,, 7	—	—	*Anne*	—	—	25	M 106
,, 9	*Fortune of the Sea*	—	—	—	—	25	M 106
,, 9	—	—	*Brewster*	—	—	25	M 106
,, 11	*Francis & Mary*	—	—	—	—	30	M 148
,, 11	*Mackerel & Dove*	—	—	—	Scotland	30	M 148

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Date.	Former Name.	Tons.	Present Name.	Owners.	Country whence taken.	Entry Book.	Folio.
1669							
June 11	*Golden Lion*	—	—	—	—	30	M 148
„ 30	—	—	*Providence*	—	—	25	M 110
July 5	—	200	*Thomas*	Hull merchants	—	25	M 110
„ 8	**Crown Malaga-*	—	—	—	—	25	M 110
„ 12	*Hope*	200	*Primrose*	—	States General	25	M 110
„ 30	—	—	*Staleman*	—	Scotland	25	M 115
„ 30	—	—	*Cane Carrier*	—	—	25	M 115
Aug. 14	**St. Bertrand*	—	—	—	—	25	M 117
„ 20	—	150	*Golden Sun*	—	—	25	M 117
„ 26	—	—	*Arms of Bristol*	—	—	25	M 120
Sept. 11	—	—	**St. John*	—	France	25	M 121
„ 15	*St. Nicholas*	—	*Advice*	English merchants	—	25	122
„ 15	*St. Peter*	—	—	—	—	25	122
„ 28	—	—	†*Hopeful Adventure*	London merchants	—	25	M 125
Oct. 2	**Tobias of Horne*	—	—	Edmund Hales of Hull.	—	25	125
„ 18	—	140	**Golden Huntsman*	—	Emden	25	M 128
Nov. 1	—	—	*St. Peter*	Plymouth merchants.	—	25	M 131
„ 1	—	—	*Patience*	London merchants	—	25	M 131
„ 10	*Charity & Wolf*	—	—	—	Scotland	30	M 176
„ 17	—	50	**Prosperous of Colchester.*	Giles Wiggoner	—	25	134
„ 17	*Bonadventure*	—	—	(Taken by the *Dartmouth.*)	—	30	M 176
„ 18	*St. John*	—	—	—	—	25	M 134
„ 18	*St. Peter*	—	—	—	—	25	M 134
„ 27	*Maiden Mary*	—	—	—	Scotland	30	M 177
Dec. 15	—	—	*St. Peter*	—	—	25	M 139
„ 15	—	—	*Hope*	London merchants	—	25	M 139
„ 15	—	—	*Rebecca*	—	—	25	M 139
„ 15	—	—	*Katherine*	—	—	25	M 139
„ 19	—	—	*Turtle*	—	—	25	139
„ 20	—	—	*Israelite*	—	—	25	M 139

Those marked M are merely minutes.

Those marked * were naturalized with a *non-obstante* of their owners having failed to register them at the proper time.

Those marked † were registered for the Norway trade only, which requiring foreign built ships, 60 were allowed for that purpose.

UNDATED PETITIONS, 1669? All addressed to the King, unless otherwise specified.

Sir Thos. Allin, for 850*l.* from prize money, to enable him to pay for the prize ship *Alida*, which he has bought at full value. Has served faithfully against the French and Dutch; most of the commanders of 2nd rate ships have had prize ships value 1,000*l.*, and he had only a small one not worth 100*l.* [*Draft, corrected by Lord Arlington. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 270, *No.* 1.]

Henry, Lord Arlington, Postmaster-General, for permission to have 300 tons of timber from the woods in Derry and Carlingford, which if granted, he will undertake to build packet-boats for letters, &c., between England and Ireland, much stronger and more serviceable than those now used. Endorsed, "Advise with Sir G. Lane." [*Ibid. No.* 2.]

Sir Arthur Basset, for dispensation of his attendance as captain of a company at Tangiers, on account of infirmities arising from the wounds he has received in the service, and for leave to receive his captain's pay in England. [*Ibid. No.* 3.]

John Bennett, head bailiff of Westminster, for reversion of the place of receiver of rents in London, Middlesex, Essex, and Hertford; has faithfully demeaned himself as collector of subsidies, hearth money, and Royal Aid, and lost much profit, by respect to the privileges of his Majesty's servants, and setting free those whom he chose to protect. [*Ibid. No.* 4.]

Sir Maurice Berkeley, to remember his promise of a grant to him of a lease of the licences for wine and *aqua vitæ* in Ireland, which others are now endeavouring to obtain. [*Draft by Williamson. Ibid. No.* 6.]

Elizabeth, Countess Dowager of Berkshire, for a grant to herself, for the benefit of her younger children, of 3,000*l.* promised to her late husband, on his petition a little before his death, for his many services. [*Ibid. No.* 7.]

Ellen Bird, for a present sum from the privy purse and a pension. Ran great risks in conveying letters between the late King and the Earls of Derby, Glamorgan, and others, passing through the enemies' quarters, scaling walls by ropes, &c., for which she was condemned to death by Cromwell, but only banished, and for which the late King promised her compensation. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 270, *No.* 8.] *Annexing,*

> *Certificate by the Marquis of Worcester and* 10 *others, of the truth of the statements in the above petition of Ellen Harvey, now Ellen Bird.*—13 *June* 1668. [*Ibid. No.* 8I.]

Sir Wm. Bowles, master of tents and toils, for a living for Peter, son of John Scott of Camberwell, Surrey, who married his daughter.

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He had 600*l.* a year settled on him by his father, since which, in imitation of Dr. [John] Donne, late Dean of St. Paul's, he has taken holy orders, and took a doctor's degree at Cambridge 2 years before. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 270, *No.* 9.]

Sir Wm. Bowles, for the rectory of Worplesdon, Surrey, for Dr. Peter Scott, his son-in-law, son and heir of John Scott of Camberwell, who though of old family and large estate, has taken holy orders, from love to the church, and was made King's chaplain, and who thinks he could best serve his Majesty in the county where his ancestral estates lie. [2 *copies. Ibid. Nos.* 10, 11.]

Nich. Cantwell, to be replaced in the Foot Guards, from which he was cashiered on account of his religion, and rejected from the Horse Guards by Lord Gerard, after being at the expense of buying horse and arms. [*Ibid. No.* 12.]

Sir Edw. Carteret, Viscount [or bailiff] of Jersey. On my request 9 months ago, you gave me leave to surrender my office to my nephew, James Corbett, but I could not then go over to Jersey. I beg you now to grant him the said office. [*Ibid. No.* 13.]

Richard, only surviving son of the late Sir Henry Cary, for a pension for life out of the profits of the Greenwax, after the 1,000*l.* a year already granted to Col. Thos. Howard and his brothers, his Majesty having promised to consider the sufferings of his family. [*Ibid. No.* 14.]

Wm. Castell, shipwright, for payment of several sums due to him for building and fitting out ships; especially for 4 fireboats, which in June 1667 he fitted and sent down to Deptford in 4 days, much depending thereon, but none of the shipwrights are yet paid. [*Ibid. No.* 15.]

Rich. Charnut, for pardon or transportation; is condemned to death for stealing 2 pewter plates from a house in Fleet Street. [*Ibid. No.* 16.]

Mary Charters, for the lease granted to Col. Lilburn, deceased, of Sanderness Grange, and Westegobia in Holme Cultram, Cumberland, having long attended in vain for repair of the losses sustained by the fidelity of her late father-in-law, Sir John Charters. [*Ibid. No.* 17.]

John Chase, apothecary to his Majesty, for a grant of two-thirds of prize goods, value 1,500*l.*, discovered by him as embezzled at Plymouth, as a relief of his present wants, and in part of what is due to him, one-third being by order allotted to the discoverer. [*Ibid. No.* 18.] *Enclosing,*

> *List of the above prize goods, tobacco, indigo, hides, sugar, rice, &c.* [*Ibid. No.* 18I.]

Vartanes di Chelehat, merchant of Armenia, for the allowance of 100*l.* as granted to his countrymen, because 780 lbs. of silk, laden on his account on the *Landtsman,* was taken by one of the King's ships; being absent, he did not receive the same allowance as the rest. [*Ibid. No.* 19.]

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Andrew Chester. On his dismissal from the service in 1667, for being a Catholic, he went to France in Sir George Hamilton's troop, and thus was left out of the pension of 2*s.* a day allowed to guards put out for religion, which he requests may be granted. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 270, *No.* 20.]

Joshua Child, Thos. Papillon, and James Littleton of London, merchants. It has always been customary to grant farms of public revenues or service to the highest bidders. Sir Rich. Ford and others had a reward of 8,000*l.* for offering more than the Farmers of Customs, for the additional duty on wines, linens, &c., though the farm was not granted to them. Petitioners attended the Treasury for many weeks, by request, to perfect a contract for the victualling of the Navy, by which his Majesty is saved 10 per cent., and yet Sir Denis Gauden, who threatened to resign without increase of price, is continued victualler; they solicit recompense for their loss of time and services. [*Ibid. No.* 21.]

Thos. Disney, M.A., Fellow of Corpus Christi, Oxford, before the wars, for a prebend at St. Paul's; is son of Sir Henry Disney, a descendant from Rich. Fox, Bishop of Winchester, founder of Corpus Christi, and has testimonials from several reverend bishops. [*Ibid. No.* 22.]

Wm. Dyke, for a land waiter's place at a custom house, or a small pension; discovered that the town of Whitehaven was concealed Crown land, and obtained a grant of it to the Earl of Carlingford, Sir Edw. Green, and himself, but it was regranted to Sir John Lowther, who was in possession, without any satisfaction to him; his expenses thereon led him into such debt that he was obliged to part with his place of serjeant of the scullery, to pay his debts; has had to surrender the keepership of the Gatehouse, on account of escapes and other accidents. [*Ibid. No.* 23.]

Stephen Evens, merchant, for payment with interest of 126*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.* for ordnance and ammunition, for which his Majesty granted him a bill at Helvoetsluys, in 1648. [*Ibid. No.* 24.] *Annexing,*

> *Engagement by Prince Charles to pay to Stephen Evens of London* 126*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.* *for* 11 *pieces of ordnance, and other necessaries, for the ship* Arthur *of Plymouth, on* 2 *Dec. next.* —31 *July* 1648. [*Copy. Ibid. No.* 24I.]

Bartholomew Farthing, Ninehead Flory, co. Somerset, yeoman, for a fresh reference to persons in the county, of the dispute between himself and John Sampford of Ninehead Flory, and Rich. Wyat of Ilfarence, who pretend that he is a fool, and try to get from him his lands, part of Pixton Farm, co. Somerset; the former reference of 5 Aug. 1667 failed, because his witnesses failed at the day fixed, and the referees, being members of Parliament, had not time to appoint another. Endorsed with the names of 4 referees. [*Ibid. No.* 25.]

John, Lord Frescheville, for a sum to be charged upon the Queen's portion in Portugal, although deeply charged already; his expenses during his 6 years' command at York have much exceeded his pay

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as a captain of horse; thinks his Majesty does not wish him to serve in constant military duty at his own expense. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 270, *No.* 26.]

Company of Glovers, Fellmongers, and White Tawers of Chester. Having suffered much for their loyalty, beg that their trade with Ireland in sheep, goat, and deer fells may be revived, by permission to import skins on such duties as were paid before the last troubles; this was prevented in 1662, after lasting 50 or 60 years, by a pretended society of glovers, &c., of Dublin, who petitioned against it. [*With* 53 *original signatures. Ibid. No.* 27.]

Sir Bernard de Gomme, to settle his pension of 300*l.* a year, with arrears, on the office of Ordnance, as the arrears could not be paid in many years out of the hearth money, to which it was assigned by the Lords of the Treasury. [*Ibid. No.* 28.] *Annexing,*

> *Certificate by Sir Rob. Long, that the Treasury Commissioners have directed* 300*l., out of the* 450*l. due to Sir Bernard de Gomme at Midsummer* 1668, *to be paid from the hearth money.—*8 *July* 1668. [*Ibid. No.* 28I.]

Eleanor, wife of Alex. Gordon, and daughter of Sir Rich. Plumleigh, for an order to the Bishop of London to license a Protestant and conformable schoolmaster to teach in the house of her husband as a schoolmaster, and for leave that her husband, though a Roman Catholic, may teach under him; he has been molested and sent to Newgate for his religion, though he has a certificate for not meddling with that of the children whom he educates; her father served the late King 22 years as Admiral of the Irish Seas, and had his house at Milton by Dartmouth, co. Devon, burnt. [*Ibid. No.* 29.]

Edw. Goudge, a keeper of Bushey Park, for restoration of a lodge and certain fees there, taken away from him by [John] Lightfoot, ranger; he refused to obey a former order for its restoration, turned petitioner's cattle out of the park, and threatens to accuse him of deer stealing, because 5½ years ago, he killed a young deer as a civility to Lightfoot's sister-in-law. [*Ibid. No.* 30.]

Henry Guy, for pardon for his omission, through ignorance, of taking the oaths appointed by Act of Parliament, when he became Farmer of the Excise for Yorkshire; one of them was made some years after he became farmer. [*Ibid. No.* 31.]

Christopher, Lord Hatton, Governor of Guernsey. I was appointed Governor, with instructions under the Great Seal, by advice of the Earl of Clarendon, from which instructions I have not swerved. Yet for needful execution of them, three persons only have complained, being of families that have ever opposed your prerogative, for which, as appears by the records of the island, they have been punished. On this account, you sent for me, and ordered the complaints to be delivered to me. I made my answer in writing, but omitted to sign it; when I heard that this was excepted against, I rectified the omission.

Attempts have been made to accuse me of fault, because of the misfortune of my son's marriage with a prisoner's daughter there,

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whose father was attainted, and she had no portion. I did not know of the match till a year after, and then I turned my son out of doors, and have never given him a penny since. This kind of misfortune has been doubled upon me since I came over, and your discountenance of me leads others to trample on me.

I am accused of being led by Nonconformists; my loyalty to the Church is in no ways abated, yet I thought I might use lay Nonconformists in secular matters, in which their knowledge of the laws and customs of the island would be helpful; and those I put out are restored to their places since I came over. Whoever exercises ecclesiastical authority connives at more nonconformity than ever I did. I beg leave, after so many years' absence, to return to my government at Guernsey, and the recall of those who order martial affairs during my absence. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 270, *No.* 32.]

Daniel Hill, for a small pension; was servant on board the King's vessel, the *Katherine* yacht, when Mr. Huggett, the master, cleft him in 3 places in the head without cause, so that he lay 12 months distracted, and is still incapable of earning a livelihood. [*Ibid. No.* 33.]

Elizabeth, widow of Thos. Hookes, yeoman of the Woodyard, for a grant to Hen. Robinson, in reversion after Edward and John Wingfield, of the place of registrar of affidavits in the Court of Chancery; her husband lost 1,000*l.* in provision of wood and coals for his Majesty when Prince of Wales, and has left her aged and slenderly provided for. [*Ibid. No.* 34.]

Draft of the above. [*Ibid. No.* 35.]

Edw. Hooton, for a place now void as singing-man of the Chapel Royal, having served as a child of the chapel 6 or 7 years, and not been provided for, though so promised. [*Ibid. No.* 36.]

Fras. Howgill, prisoner in Appleby, Westmorland, for release on bond from his 5 years' imprisonment, being committed only because, as a Quaker, he could not swear, and therefore refused to take the oath of allegiance. [*Ibid. No.* 37.]

Thos. Hunton, Wardrobe Keeper for the Council of the Marches of Wales, to Lord Arlington, for assistance. The Earl of Carberry withholds from him half the goods he should have in charge, and several offices worth 300*l.* and 400*l.* a year, so that he does not now make more than 30*l.* a year by his place. The Earl, though allowed 3,000*l.* a year for the household there, does not expend 400*l.*, the servants having only one meal a day allowed them, and the Court is brought into such contempt, that where 20 cases daily used to be tried, only one was tried in 5 days. The Earl received large sums for repairs and furnishing of Ludlow Castle and for the garrison, but has put in old furniture, neglected the repairs, and kept only half the soldiers paid for. [*Ibid. No.* 38.]

Chas. Ithowary, to be sworn a servant in ordinary to attend his person, or for a settled maintenance; acknowledges his royal bounty to him as a stranger. [*Ibid. No.* 39.]

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Sir John Jackson, Harraton, co. Durham, for remission of his fine of 1,000 marks and 1 month's imprisonment, for a misdemeanour of which he was found guilty by a picked fanatic jury, though only prosecuting the just right of an infant; raised dragoons and horse for the late King, and was a great loser by plundering, decimation, &c. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 270, *No.* 40.]

Adam Jenings to the Admiralty and Navy Commissioners. Considering my deplorable condition by pirates and unfaithful factors, you lately assigned me 400*l.* on the Excise in cos. Bedford and Hunts. This sum is short of one of the bills due to me, and will not free me from 2 of my severe creditors, and 1,266*l.* has long been due to me. I beg an assignment for 218*l.* 10*s.* more on the said Excise. [*Ibid. No.* 41.]

John Jennings and partner to the Admiralty and Navy Commissioners. We contracted with the Navy Commissioners 20 months since, for timber value 1,400*l.*, and they wish to make a further contract with us, but we are much straitened for money; we beg that among many signed bills, one for 221*l.* 12*s.* 3*d.* may be paid from the Excise collected for Middlesex. Endorsed, "Peter East." [*Ibid. No.* 42.]

Elizabeth Jephson, for a grant of Gedney Marsh, co. Lincoln, under the former rents; the inhabitants of Gedney, to whom it was conveyed by Sir Peregrine Bertie, and Sir Phil. Llanden, who had a grant of it from the late King, have fallen into arrears with the rent, and neglected the sea-banks, and at length surrendered it. [*Ibid. No.* 43.]

Sir Wm. Juxon, Bart., for leave to enclose a park in Seasoncote, co. Gloucester, and to turn aside a way that goes through it, on making another as convenient, the verdict on a writ of *ad quod damnum* proving that it would be no prejudice to the country. [*Ibid. No.* 44.]

Sir Wm. Keyt, Bart., to pardon his errors, proceeding from mistake, not from neglect of authority, and release him; his Majesty's displeasure is more heavy to him than his restraint. [*Ibid. No.* 45.]

Nevil Kidwell, his Majesty's footman, to order Lord Cornbury, the Queen's Chamberlain, to swear in his son Nevil as messenger to the Queen, in place of ——— Bulliart, deceased. [*Ibid. No.* 46.]

Thos. Killigrew and Dr. Hinton, his Majesty's servants, for a caveat that no other proceed with a business tried by them at Guildhall, and now removed into the Exchequer, as they are proceeding at great cost, and for his Majesty's service, on their grant of the moiety of sums recovered at their own cost, for discoveries of frauds in the Customs, since the Act of Oblivion. [*Ibid. No.* 47.]

Sir Peter Killigrew. The Duke of Albemarle, on reducing the garrisons to his Majesty's obedience, made my father, who was servant to the 2 last Kings, Governor of Pendennis Castle, &c., considering it part of his inheritance, and his house near the castle being burned down during the siege of it. My father being sent

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to Breda, with the submission of the captains of the fleet, had the Governorship confirmed by your Majesty; but later, Lord Arundel of Trerice, having an old patent for it, my father had in exchange his pension of 200*l.* changed to 300*l.* payable out of the pre-emption of tin in cos. Devon and Cornwall, and my life was added to it; but the Treasury Commissioners have ordered the Receiver of Cornwall to pay no more moneys without their special warrant. Your Majesty having ordered pensions granted for valuable considerations to be continued, and this being such an one, I beg to have the payment continued. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 270, *No.* 48.]

Lieut.-Col. William Kingsley, for an order to Sir Thos. Sandys and the other trustees, to admit him as one of those to partake the benefit of the plate lotteries, having served under the late Lord Capel at Rhé, and Rochelle, during the late war, and lost his whole estate, value 500*l.* a year, during the rebellion. [*Ibid. No.* 49.]

Rob. Larden, yeoman of the Guard, for payment of part of his arrears of 3¾ years' wages on the old establishment, at 39*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.* a year, and of 4¾ on the new, at 15*l.*; total, 218*l.* 6*s.*; has lately become lame, and unable to gain a livelihood. [*Ibid. No.* 50.] *Annexing,*

Certificate by John Parsons and 8 *others in favour of the petitioner.* [*Ibid. No.* 50I.]

Rowland Laugharne, for present relief, to pay his lodgings and clothe his family, having waited 8 years in expectation; also for a weekly pension till the 3,500*l.* due to him from the late King is paid; lost property value 30,000*l.* by sequestration, and his real estate is extended for 8,000*l.* debt, and is almost past redemption; had 2 brothers slain in service of the late King, and his 2 eldest sons and 3 nephews in the late Dutch war. [*Ibid. No.* 51.]

Thos. Leaf, for change to transportation of the sentence of death passed on him at Kingston, Surrey, for stealing a horse, this being his first offence. Directed to John Griffith, Westminster. [*Ibid. No.* 52.] *Annexing,*

Certificate by Hen. Bagshaw, rector, the common councilmen, and churchwardens of St. Botolph's parish, Bishopsgate, London, to the good conduct and respect to government of Thos. Leaf, tiler and bricklayer of the parish, and of their desire for favour to him in his present lost condition. With note by Hen. Bagshaw, rector, that he believes the contents of his petition to be true. [12 *signatures. Ibid. No.* 52I.]

Governor and Company of Merchants trading to the Levant Seas, for a revocation of the Consulship of Wm. Wayte, English Consul at Zante, for his demanding and receiving one dollar per mille upon currants transported from Zante, contrary to a decree made upon the complaint of the English in 1664, abolishing it; this was well known to Wayte, who nevertheless gave several testimonials under his hand as Consul to the contrary, to the prejudice of the traders and factors, the dishonour of his Majesty, and the scandal of the English nation. [*Ibid. No.* 53.]

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Rich. Lewis, minister, for relief from perishing of want; lost his speech and hearing when serving as Navy chaplain in the last war against the Dutch, and is unable to perform his functions; the Bishop of St. Asaph says that the sinecure granted him may be 6 or 7 years before it falls void. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 270, *No.* 54.]

Mary Long, St. Marylebone parish, widow, to Lord Arlington, for a letter to the Farmers of Customs in Ireland, to appoint her son—one of 24 children, of whom 15 are living—to a place in the Customs. He fought at Algiers in several engagements against the Dutch, was at the works at Woolwich on their late attempt, and lost his employment by going over to fetch the Duke of Tuscany. [*Ibid. No.* 55.]

Alice, wife of John Lyon, now in Newgate, for exchange of his sentence of transportation to that of going to sea, being an able seaman; he was condemned for stealing lead of small value, which was his first offence. He served in the late Dutch war. [*Ibid. No.* 56.]

Dr. Andrew Macdowall, for some order for his relief, so as to remain here with comfort, or repair beyond seas, to lurk secure from the mockery which attends misery. God has rescued him from violent death through an enraged enemy. His Majesty promised to consider his losses in the time of the Dutch war, but he has waited 2 years in vain, and is obliged to disappoint those who helped him in his distress. [*Ibid. No.* 57.]

Alexander Mackenny, for a pension; served the late King ever since the Isle of Rhé voyage; is the most ancient officer living in the 3 kingdoms, but has no means to support his old age. [*Ibid. No.* 58.]

Simon Mansalle, to be added to those who are placed first on the list to be paid at Sir Edw. Griffith's office, with some small addition; is 4 years behind in his allowance, and the King's icehouses are increased from 2 to 4, which much adds to his labour. [*Ibid. No.* 59.]

Capt. John Maxwell, for some supply for his present use, and for his transportation. Apprehended Thos. Scot at Liège, and brought him to London, and suffered much for loyalty. [*Ibid. No.* 60.]

David Meade, one of the Queen's gentlemen ushers, for an order to Sir Edw. Griffith to pay him 437*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, due for riding charges and lodging money. [*Ibid. No.* 62.]

Edward, Earl of Meath. Lent money to Mr. Howard of the Privy Chamber, son of Lord Howard of Escrick, to release him from confinement for debt; he neglecting to repay it, procured permission from the Lord Chamberlain to go to law with him, but he lurks about Whitehall to avoid arrest, and commits other indignities in malice; begs that his Majesty will not allow the privilege of Court to hinder the proceedings at law. Mr. Howard also misrepresented his Majesty's proceedings relating to the Duke of Ormond, pretending that the King had threatened his ruin if he prosecuted the Duke in Parliament. [*Ibid. No.* 63.]

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Matthew Medburne, that he may be either advanced suitably to his merit in the Duke's theatre, according to the contract between him and Sir Wm. Davenant, or be discharged from it; refused to act in December last, on injustice done him, and was ordered into restraint, by warrant from the Lord Chamberlain; but on discovery of his grievances, he was released; yet though his lordship seemed satisfied that he should either be promoted or discharged, he has had no relief. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 270, *No.* 64.]

Col. Guy Molesworth, to consider his 9 years' humble applications, his wounds, banishment, and debts, and his Majesty's own royal promises, and grant him relief to prevent him from perishing. [*Ibid. No.* 65.]

Thos. Montague, for reprieve of his innocent brother Francis, condemned to death at Hertford assizes, for robbery of a woman of little fame, said to be a witch, and delighting in distress or destruction of man or beast; the only evidence against him is the woman's daughter. [*Ibid. No.* 66.]

Wm. Morgan, for a fair hearing before a council of officers; is struck down by his Majesty's displeasure, on a misrepresentation of his dispute with Mr. Rich; his father lost 7,000*l.*, and at length his life, by his loyalty. [*Ibid. No.* 67.] *Annexing,*

> *Case between Mr. Rich and Mr. Morgan; that Rich, being allowed, at his own request, to spend 2 months at Morgan's house at Brumly, quarrelled with a kinswoman of Morgan's there, striking, kicking, and abusing her, and spoke ill of Morgan before his servants and in the town; Morgan called upon him to acknowledge his error, but he refused. Morgan meeting him accidentally at the Fleece Tavern, gave him a blow and a kick, returning the rudeness he had used on his kinswoman.* [*Ibid. No.* 68.]

Stephen Morrice and 2 others, for licence, according to Act of Parliament, to seize quantities of fish daily imported by foreigners, contrary to statute, by confederacy between the importers and others, who seize it and clear it for an inconsiderable composition, so that the importer still obtains advantage. [*Ibid. No.* 69.]

Sir Thos. Orby, Bart., gentleman usher to the late Queen Mother, for an order to discharge him and Sir Peter Killigrew, his trustee, from a bond for 4,500*l.*, given to the Queen's trustees for payment of 2,250*l.*, balance of a fine of 4,500*l.* for lease of lands in Crowland, Lincolnshire; she forgave him the debt for his long and faithful service, but died before he had his bond redelivered. [*Ibid. No.* 70.]

Jane Penning, widow, for relief, being left without subsistence since the death of the Queen Mother. Great arrears were due to her husband, Thos. Penning, serjeant of the Ewery, for 28 years' service. [*Ibid. No.* 71.]

David Powell, prisoner in the Fleet, to King and Council. When my petition against Mr. Killigrew, who sued me for 988*l.* arrears of the 18 months' assessment, was heard in Council 7 May

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last, Killigrew was called on to reply, which he did very unsatisfactorily, and did not restore me my writings, detained since Dec. 1667, thus disabling me from raising moneys to pay the debt, and making me liable to the 12 per cent. then before Parliament, and he has since kept me a prisoner. I entreat a hearing and relief. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 270, *No.* 72.]

George Raleigh to King and Council. Contracted with the late Lord Treasurer, paying 1,000*l.* for a share in the farms of Excise of Bristol and Gloucestershire; but being old, had his son John's name put instead of his own; his son having died, the negotiators for the new farm refuse to admit him. Prays admission, being willing to pay his share of the 100,000*l.* to be advanced to his Majesty. Raised a troop of horse and foot for the late King. [*Ibid. No.* 73.] *Annexing,*

> *Edm. Chamberlain, J. Seymour, and G. Raleigh, Farmers of Excise for Bristol and Gloucestershire, to the Commissioners and Governors of Excise, Bartholomew Lane, London. Certify their willingness for John Raleigh to be admitted in his father's place in the said farm.—5 June* 1665. [*Ibid. No.* 73I.]

Rich. Ridge, Portsmouth, to the Admiralty and Navy Commissioners. I have delivered into the dockyard stores cask and other goods value 1,400*l.*, and not received a penny for 2½ years for them, nor anything at the Victualling Office since August, though by my contract I should be paid monthly. I beg an assignment for 600*l.* on the Excise in the ports of Dorset, 400*l.* on the Victualling Commissioners, and 200*l.* on the Navy Treasurers. [*Ibid. No.* 74.]

Ant. Robert, master of music to the late Queen Mother, for an order for 8 years' arrears of wages due to him; is consumed by 2 years' sickness, and the fire at the Savoy. [*Ibid. No.* 75.]

> *Acknowledgment by Queen Henrietta Maria of her debt to Ant. Robert of* 1,840*l. for* 8 *years' wages and service, expired* 30 *June* 1649, *and order for payment of the same from the yearly rents due to her since her departure from London.*—10 *Aug.* 1649, *St. Germain's.* [*Copy. Ibid. No.* 75I.]

Henry Robinson, for pardon of his life, being condemned because in a quarrel with a gentleman in the street, his musket went off and shot the gentleman accidentally, so that he died. [*Ibid. No.* 76.]

Wm. Robson, for presentation to the rectory of Stonehouse, co. Gloucester, having served as chaplain at sea. With note by Gilbert, Archbishop of Canterbury, in favour of the petitioner. [*Ibid. No.* 77.]

Sir James Rushout Maylers Green, and Sir Wm. Adams, Elsenham, both baronets of Essex, to confirm the grant made to them by the late Queen Mother, of the stewardship of the manor of Havering-

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atte-bower, fee 6*l.* a year, and the bailiwick, fee 5*l.* [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 270, *No.* 78.] *Annexing,*

> *Form of the required warrant for continuance of the said offices.* [*Ibid. No.* 78I.]

Draft of the above petition. [*Ibid. No.* 79.]

Col. Walter Slingsby, for the office of chief collector of chimney money in Hampshire and Sussex; was almost 4 years deputy-governor of the Isle of Wight, under the Earl of Portland and Lord Culpepper, being at great expense, and receiving only 2*s.* a day, and some advantage was promised him. [*Ibid. No.* 80.]

Capt. Ant. Stamp, for the sole use, for 14 years, of his invention of walking on the surface of the water, so that he, or others by his direction, may pass over rivers, lakes, &c., without risk; exhibited it with great satisfaction to the Prince of Tuscany; will be obliged to discover the secret to those who have to be set on work, and might otherwise lose the benefit thereof. Discovered a musket-engine in the Tower, which his Majesty approved. [*Ibid. No.* 81.]

James Thompson, for an almsman's place in St. Stephen's Hospital, Westminster; served in the late Queen Mother's kitchen till her death, and is now without support. [*Ibid. No.* 82.]

Thos. Tillet and Wm. Godby, littermen to the late Queen Mother, for support till they can gain some employment; were ancient and faithful servants to the Queen, and immediately on her death, were paid off their bare wages only; being in a foreign country, this only defrayed their charges in returning, and putting themselves into a condition to present themselves to his Majesty. [*Ibid. No.* 83.]

Edw. Trussell, his Majesty's mercer, for satisfaction of his just debt with interest, to enable him to satisfy his creditors, who threaten his arrest, and for building up his house, worth 600*l.* a year, burnt in the fire; obtained a tally in 1664 for payment from the Customs of 1667 and 1668, and raised money at heavy expense thereon, by giving collateral security, but it is not paid. Has supplied the wardrobe since 1663, on promise of half-yearly payments, which are not fulfilled. [*Ibid. No.* 84.] *Annexing,*

> *Account of the several sums of* 16,035*l.* 19*s.* 1*d. and* 2,000*l. due by the King to Trussell.* [*Ibid. No.* 84I.]

Philip Vanbeerenbrook, his Majesty's falconer, for payment of 250*l.*, 8 years' arrears of his salary of 41*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, for want of which he is in great distress. [*See* 22 *April* 1662. *Ibid. No.* 85.]

Similar petition, to the same effect. [*Ibid. No.* 86.]

Fras. Walker to the Treasury Commissioners, for payment of 950*l.*, balance of 1,300*l.* granted his late father—who lost 3,000*l.* by his loyalty—by a privy seal of the late King, without which he will be obliged to part with most of the remainder of his estate. [*Ibid. No.* 87.]

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Henry Westerley to the Admiralty and Navy Commissioners. Has served in the King's ships 9 years, and in the late war against the Dutch, received several wounds, so that he is wasted in body and estate, and by attendance in seeking employment; begs the vacant cook's place in the *Kinsale* frigate. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 270, *No.* 88.]

Jos. Williamson, for the reversion of the place of Clerk of the Council; was made some years since Clerk of the Council Extraordinary, with the unusual honour of being present in the Council Chamber, like the clerks in ordinary. [*Ibid. No.* 89.]

Same to the Queen, for a lease, at the ancient rent, of a small old tenement at the upper end of the old Tilt Yard, usually called Walsingham House, and another house near the manor of Westminster, being part of her jointure, on which her Majesty referred the case to her Council, who, after full and deliberate examination of the whole matter, made a report to the advantage of petitioner's pretensions. [*Ibid. No.* 90.]

Copy of the above. [*Ibid. No.* 91.]

Draft of the above. [*Ibid. No.* 92.]

Same to the Queen Consort, for a lease of 2 small tenements and a shed near Westminster, being part of her jointure unjustly concealed, on his discovery of the same at his own charge. Endorsed, "Walsingham House, &c." [*Ibid. No.* 93.]

Calkers and seamen lately discharged at Woolwich to the Admiralty and Navy Commissioners. Being discharged last April, 13 months' wages are due to them, amounting to 551*l.*, for want of which they have contracted many debts, and are in danger of prison. They beg payment, the same as the carpenters and others, who have received their moneys; also an order for their wages. [*Ibid. No.* 94.]

Dr. Benj. Worsely, for consideration of his services as one of the Council for regulating trade; has never been absent nor declined any command in the service, since his appointment a year ago. [*Ibid. No.* 95.]

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Passport for Lord Allington and Sir Lionel Tollemache to embark for France with 10 horses. [*Ibid. No.* 96.]

The King to the Commissioners of Customs for London. We require you to confirm Rich. Arscott in the office of Collector of Customs at Exeter, John Earl of Bath, John Lord Berkeley, and others, having testified to his merit. [*Ibid. No.* 97.]

Request by John Boreel, going by the King's leave to the United Provinces, for a pass for himself and baggage without molestation, and for leave to export 11 horses duty free. [*Ibid. No.* 98.]

Minute of a warrant for payment of 200*l.* to the Earl of Bristol, as a free gift. [*Ibid. No.* 99.]

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Warrant to Sir Ant. Browne, of Stanway Hall, Essex, to preserve the King's game of hare, pheasant, &c., within 10 miles round, which is now much injured by unlawful hunting, and to report offenders to Council. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 270, *No.* 100.]

Warrant [to the Lord Chamberlain] to swear in Wm. Cooke as assistant groom of the privy chamber, in place of George Stepney, and to admit him to waiting on the first vacancy, when his Exchequer allowance will cease, and he will receive board wages, &c., as the others. [*Ibid. No.* 101.]

Warrant for a grant of denization to Peter Cornes and his son. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 48, *p.* 2.]

Warrant to the Ranger, &c., of the West Bailiwick, Rockingham Forest, to permit Viscount Cullen to kill and carry away a fat buck. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 270, *No.* 102.]

Note for a pass for Thomas and Chris. Danby, of Yorkshire, aged 8 and 7 years, to go abroad for 6 years. [*Ibid. No.* 103.]

Note for a warrant for Henry Edes, Residentiary of Chichester, and King's chaplain, to be made Doctor of Divinity at Cambridge. [*Ibid. No.* 104.]

Minutes of grants to Rob. Gale, Rich. Bates, and Hum. Swinfield, maimed soldiers, of almsrooms in Westminster College Almshouses. [*Ibid. No.* 105.]

Minute of a warrant for Sir John Gell, Bart., of Hopton, Derbyshire, to preserve the game within 10 miles of his own house, and to seize dogs, guns, &c., used to take it. [*Ibid. No.* 106.]

Note of the King's promise to Hugh Griffith, page of the bedchamber, of the place of customer of Cardiff, for his son John, in reversion after Rich. Gwynn. [*Ibid. No.* 107.]

Minute of a grant [of the office of Governor of Guernsey] to Christopher, Lord Hatton, of Kirby, co. Northampton, including a grant of the reversion thereof to his son Christopher. [*Ibid. No.* 108.]

Warrant for a pardon to John Howe of all trespasses, &c., before 25 Dec. last, and for remission of the fine of 500 marks imposed on him by the Court of King's Bench, for an assault on Thos. Master. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 48, *p.* 36.]

Warrant to Wm. Jessop, keeper of the writings in the Duchy Office. We require you to deliver to Ant. Jenkins all surveys, writings, &c., concerning the estates belonging to the bishopric of Worcester, for want of which the Bishop and Dean and Chapter are prejudiced, because some tenants refuse to pay the rents appointed for repair of the bishop's houses and cathedral. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 270, *No.* 109.]

Pass recommending to the humanity of foreign princes, Jeremias, a priest of the Greek Church, born nigh the Petrasse, in the Morea,

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who has undertaken a long and hazardous journey in search of a brother, said to be taken by one of our frigates, but finds him to be dead in Holland, and is now returning home. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 270, *No.* 110.]

Minute of a letter to the Duke of York, to order a pension of 500*l.* a year to Sir Jos. Jordan from the Navy moneys. Also memorandum that Mr. Fanshaw, Lord Fanshaw's brother, is appointed captain to the Duke of Albemarle. [*Ibid. No.* 111.]

Warrant for a grant to Dr. Henry Killigrew, almoner of the Duke of York, of the mastership of the hospital of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, Sherborne, co. Dorset, with power to recover any lands lately belonging to the hospital. [*Ibid. No.* 112.]

Warrant for 3 additions to the lieutenancy for the militia of London: Sir James Bunce, Bart., ——— Wall, and Sir Wm. Gardiner, K.B. [*Ibid. No.* 113.]

Order for a warrant to the Duke of York, to authorize the Navy Commissioners to sell useless and decayed timber at Lydney; and also the old *Success*, *Weymouth* pink, and *Fellowship* hulk, all useless and not worth repair. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 48, *p.* 13.]

Warrant for a grant to Edward, Earl of Manchester, Lord Chamberlain of the Household, of the timber yard, 90 feet square, and some workhouses near Whitehall, for 51 years, rent 5*l.* [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 270, *No.* 114.]

Warrant to the Master of the Great Wardrobe, for delivery of one bed and bedding, with furniture convenient, to be sent to the yacht *Merlin.* [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 48, *p.* 32.]

Minute of a grant to Sir S[am] M[oreland] and his heirs, of the sole making and vending of a medal, the workmanship to be done by the Mint officers on their furnishing the metal, into which medal is contrived a new method of fortification invented by the King, with the inscription " *Methodus Hercotectonica nova,*" of which the figure and rules [missing] are annexed. [*Ibid. No.* 115.]

Note of a pass for Fras. Offley of Surrey, gentleman of the Privy Chamber, to pass and repass into Prussia, for Elbing. [*Ibid. No.* 116.]

Warrant to the Earl of Oxford, Lord Chief Justice in Eyre, South [of Trent]—the deer in all the royal forests being much diminished—to issue orders to all rangers, keepers, and other forest officers, not to serve or kill fee deer in their respective parks. [*Ibid. No.* 117.]

Order for a warrant to pay to the Earl of Oxford 2,000*l.*, for his expenses in holding his justice seat, as Justice in Eyre south of the Trent, and as a mark of bounty. [*Ibid. No.* 118.]

Warrant to the Keeper of the Privy Purse to pay to Gervase Price, keeper of the private armoury in Whitehall Palace, a salary for fitting up and taking care of the arms committed to his charge. [*Ibid. No.* 119.]

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Warrant to Roger L'Estrange, surveyor of the press, and Rich. Jeffreys, his deputy, to search for private presses, and seditious or scandalous books, pamphlets, and papers, in the shops, &c., of printers, booksellers, and bookbinders, or elsewhere; seize the presses, books, and papers, with their erecters, authors, printers, publishers, and dispensers, and bring them before a Secretary of State. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 270, *No.* 120.] *Annexing,*

> *Blank form of a bond in* 300*l. to be taken by printers, not to suffer any book, picture, portraiture, or paper to be printed, until licensed by persons appointed by King or Parliament.* [*Ibid. No.* 120I.]

Minute of a pass for Charles, Duke of Richmond and Lenox, and also for horses for his use. [*Ibid. No.* 121.]

Memoranda [by Arlington] of alterations in a grant to Wm. Smithers. [*Ibid. No.* 122.]

Note that the fee-farm rent of 200*l.* a year, reserved on a grant by the late King of the manor and park of Aldington, Kent, should be granted to Sir Edw. Sydenham for life. Endorsed, "Sir Ed. Wyndham." [*Ibid. No.* 123.]

Note [by Lord Arlington] of 2 passes required in French and English, in ample manner, and signed by the King, for Sieur le Tellier to come to England from Flanders. [*Ibid. No.* 124.]

Passes for the Sieur le Tellier, coming by the King's permission from Flanders to England. With writ of assistance. [*English and French. Ibid. Nos.* 125, 126.]

[Request for a pass] for Comte de Thun, Baron of Hohenfeld, his 2 brothers and suite, 20 persons in all, to go to Calais; brought by Lord Carlingford from Lord Arlington. [*French. Ibid. No.* 127.]

Forms of a prohibition, to be issued by the King, for anyone to publish an English translation of the poem "*Votum Candidum, Vivat Rex,*" without approbation of the author. [2 *copies, slightly differing. Ibid. Nos.* 128, 129.]

Minute for a warrant to Sir Wm. Willoughby, Bart, to be gamekeeper for 15 miles round Wortley House, near Sheffield. [*Ibid. No.* 130.]

The King to the Judges, High Sheriff, &c., of co. York. We require you to reprieve Sam. Wortley if, on his trial at the approaching assizes, he is found guilty of killing a man. With minute of the said letter. [*Ibid. No.* 131.]

Note of a warrant for Sir Rich. Wynne, Bart., of Gwidir, co. Carnarvon, to be surveyor of North Wales. [*Ibid. No.* 132.]

Minute of warrants to bring Mrs. Wright and Sam. Cutler, apprentice to ——— Holmes, apothecary in Southwark, to answer before Lord Arlington. [*Ibid. No.* 133.]

The King to Solicitor-General Sir Heneage Finch, Bart. The late King, on 26 Feb. 1645, created Sir Edw. Walker Garter King-at-arms, with a salary of 50*l.* a year. On his surrender of this

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grant, you are to prepare a grant to him of the said office, with the salary of 100*l.* a year. [*Draft. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 270, *No.* 134.]

[Lord Arlington] to the Lord Lieutenants of counties. The King desiring an exact list of the deputy-lieutenants of England and Wales, you are to send those within your lieutenancy. [*Draft. Ibid. No.* 136.]

[Lord Arlington] to the Governors of Carlisle, Berwick, Hull, Plymouth, Portsmouth, &c. The King has heard of an increase of unlawful meetings, on pretence of religion; you are to prevent or disperse them, proceed against the teacher, master of the house where the meeting is held, and other ringleaders, according to law, and to seek needful assistance from the town magistrates. [1½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 137.]

Draft of the above. [*Ibid. No.* 138.]

Same to Sir John Skelton, Governor of Plymouth, to similar effect. [*Ibid. No.* 139.]

Note of a letter for suppressing conventicles in Lancashire. [*Ibid. No.* 140.]

[Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield to the Archbishop of Canterbury.] I am sorry to trouble you so often, but clamours abound of the numerous and dangerous conventicles in Coventry. I wrote to the Mayor, but he says he does not know how to help it. The honest part of the city fear the affronts of the sectaries. I suggest the quartering a troop of horse there, to inhibit these meetings, or the raising county forces under the Earl of Northampton, Lord Lieutenant, to reduce them and their confederates of Birmingham, a desperate and very populous rabble. [*Ibid. No.* 141.] *Encloses,*

> *Information sent by Sam. Feake and Nath. Wanley, ministers, to the Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry, of* 4 *conventicles held every Sunday at Coventry, at Leather Hall, erected purposely therefor, attended by about* 700 *persons, some of whom affront people going to church; with names of* 4 *of the ministers. Dr. Grew, constantly residing in the city, keeps a conventicle twice every Sunday in Much Park Street, St. Michael's parish.* [*Ibid. No.* 141I.]

French Church in London to the King. The place appointed by your Majesty on the Restoration for our meeting required much money to repair it, and though the members contributed freely, they could not have managed it, but that a private person offered what was wanting, if he might build on the north side of the church. This was granted, and now some try to obtain leave to build on the east side too; Dr. Wren, to whom the case was referred, reported that although most of the light came from the east window, M. le Choqueux might build up a fourth of it, with little prejudice, which is untrue, as we should be forced to use candles in church. We beg your Majesty, as having "such great qualities, without the least defect," to hear our cause yourself, rather than suffer us to go to law. We have only 120*l.* a year for 2 ministers and a reader, and cannot bear law expenses. [2 *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 270, *No.* 142.]

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Wm. Gallwey to the King. I presume to address you, having no friend since the Duke of Gloucester's death; pray remember my services at a time when I should have been ruined by their discovery. I beg aid to get to some other part of the world, for if I remain here, I shall be thrust into prison for 250*l.* debt. [*Ibid. No.* 143.]

Jo. Ryley to Mr. Macartney, Ailesbury House, St. John's, London. I send an advertisement for recovery of a lammer hawk, belonging to the Earl of Ailesbury, for the *Gazette.* [*Ibid. No.* 144.]

Request of Jas. Allen, keeper of the robes in Whitehall, for compensation, as promised, from the Council of Trade, who have held their meetings several times in his office. [*Ibid. No.* 145.]

Paper of signatures, including A. Ellis, James Hickes, sen. and jun., Sir J. Robinson, and 8 others. Endorsed by Williamson, "Archer's certificate." [*Ibid. No.* 146.]

Statement of particulars of the contract entered into between Sir John Monson and the King, for the lease of the working of the alum works belonging to the young Earl of Mulgrave, and the case of Elizabeth Countess Dowager of Mulgrave, who was to receive half the profits, and therefore claims half the rent paid by the King to Monson; the payments of the moiety of the profits being much diminished by the late disturbances, he agreed in July 1666 to pay her 300*l.* a year, above his moiety of the annuities, but has failed therein lately. [*Ibid. No.* 147.]

Note of goods delivered by Belloy, merchant of Paris, in 1660, for the use of the King and Duke of Gloucester, to Sieur des Marces who delayed payment, and died in 1668, and Belloy now solicits the debt; total, 234*l.* 6*s.* 9*d.* [*French. Ibid. No.* 148.]

Cases of oppression committed by Rob. Benson, clerk of the assizes for the northern circuit, against Paul Banks of Wicket Hill, and many others, in exacting money, postponing trials, &c., 1663 to 1668. Endorsed, "Articled against by Sir Phil. Montane" [Monckton]. [*Printed. Ibid. No.* 149.]

Specimens of divers alphabets, and writing in shorthand and in different languages. Endorsed [by Williamson] "Llewellin's boy." [*Ibid. No.* 150.]

Note to write to Mr. Williamson in favour of Henry Clarveat, Capt. Dyett's friend. [*Ibid. No.* 151.]

Request for a warrant to Mr. Mallott, to deliver to the Bishop of Durham all records, surveys, &c., in his custody, relating to the bishopric. [*Ibid. No.* 152.]

Demands of Joseph Garrett in a suit between him and the Earl and Countess of Holland; *e.g.*:—

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Balance of account due 30 April 1668 - -	729	0	0
Costs of suit on the judgment of 2,000*l.*, and pleading of the outlawry - - - -	260	3	6
For a cabinet, with a silver spoon, fork, trencher, salt, and knife haft - - - - - -	15	0	0

Total of the account, 1,184*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* [*Ibid. No.* 153.]

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Request by James Halsall for the reversion of the receiver's place of cloth and petty customs, granted him by the King in 1663, but diverted by the then Lord Treasurer to Sir Phil. Warwick, who passed it in the name of his son Philip. [*See Calendar* 1663, *p.* 358. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 270, *No.* 154.]

Note of the proportions in which 4*l.* given by Sir Edw. Hoby was distributed amongst the servants in the house at Canterbury. [*Ibid. No.* 155.]

Note that the Farmers of Customs desire Lord Howard to take out a Treasury warrant for them to allow him to ship Gloucestershire and other cloths on board the *Mary Rose,* duty free. [*Ibid No.* 156.]

Account of the family of the Maddisons [of Saltwell-side, Durham], giving the inscriptions on their tombs in St. Nicholas' church, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and their marriages and descents, ending with the marriage of Jane Maddison to Sir James Clavering, Bart., of Axwell, co. Durham. [3 *pages. Ibid. No.* 157.]

List of the archbishops and bishops of Scotland. [*Ibid. No.* 158.]

Request by Thos. Wanklin, Rich. Lewis, and Rob. Hunt, that they may have a letter from the King to warrant their further prosecution of coiners and clippers in cos. Wilts and Somerset, as approved by him, or else they may lose their labour. Ask pardons for Ant. Carr of Westbury, co. Wilts; for Thos. Huntly of Shepton Mallet, Somerset, for their discoveries. Nine were indicted last assizes, of whom 3 were executed, 13 are in gaol, and 12 have fled. [*Ibid. No.* 159.]

Note [by Williamson] of Florence and Marseilles wine sent to Dr. Willis, Lady Cullen, and Lady Catherine [O'Brien]. [*Ibid. No.* 160.]

Arguments to prove, from the opinions of counsel, &c., that the offence of destroying the King's houses, forests, &c., is not pardoned by the Act of Oblivion, nor by the Act for exempting accountants therefrom, and that to prevent the limitation of time in the later Act, informations were exhibited before the time elapsed, but not prosecuted; the waste already discovered amounts to 600,000*l.*, and is not a third of the whole, beside waste of church lands belonging to the King. Though the prosecutions have long been discontinued, many persons are living who hold these moneys, and prosecutions by private commissions would not cause disturbance. Endorsed, "From Mr. Killigrew." [3 *pages. Ibid. No.* 161.]

Account of the maintenance of the ministers in London, whose churches were demolished by the late fire; in answer to a complaint lately printed by them, in which they put part for the whole; also disowning the consent which they professed to be given by some aldermen, to their proposals for augmentations; containing in parallel columns; 1. The parishes and in whose gift. 2. The names of the present incumbents. 3. The receipts in lieu of tithes. 4. The

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value of the glebes and parsonage houses and certain perquisites by gifts, etc. 5. Casual perquisites. 6. Total value of livings. 7. Observations to prove that most of the ministers have other church preferments in addition. [*Printed. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 270, *No.* 162.]

List of [news] correspondents in many seaport towns. [*Ibid. No.* 163.]

List, alphabetically arranged, of [Williamson's news correspondents], with table of their weekly letters, from 22 July to 14 Oct. [*Ibid. No.* 164.]

Col. Middleton to the Duke of York. I send you the instructions given by me to the captains, but how observed I know not, as several of the captains are guilty of the crimes which they should have punished in others. It is impossible to make better laws than you have done, but I find no punishments appointed for any offender; I therefore offer the following. With details of 12 punishments proposed, of which a list is to be hung in the steerage cabin, and they are to be read monthly in the hearing of all the crew. Endorsed, "Col. Middleton's advice about the government of a ship's company." [3¾ *pages. Ibid. No.* 165.]

"Commissioner Cox about the government of a ship's company," being suggestions offered to the Duke of York, relative to the scale of fines, from 1*s.* to 6*s.* each, to be paid by mariners, and the regulations to be observed by captains. [1 *sheet. Ibid. No.* 166.]

Debtor and creditor account between Capt. Rich. Trevanion of the *Dartmouth* and his purser [Roger Baker], who also claims compensation for the "most barbarous beating of me, laying me in irons till almost dead"; the purser begs payment before Trevanion receives his moneys out of the Treasury Office. [*Ibid. No.* 167.]

Shorthand notes of stores in outports. [*Ibid. No.* 168.]

"Lord Brouncker's paper, from which a letter was writ to the Commissioners of Accounts, touching the despatch of the Earl of Anglesey's account," being notes from the Earl's ledger of the sections paid in 1666, 1667, and 1668, and of books and sea-books for which he has received no sections. [*Ibid. No.* 169.]

"Ironworks undertaken by Mr. Silvester, to answer Portsmouth demand," giving the articles, the numbers required, and the price. [1½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 170.]

Account of Navy stores on hand at Deal, Plymouth, and Kinsale. [3 *pages. Ibid. No.* 171.]

"A foul draught of the Hamburg ship's contract," being an agreement with the Navy Commissioners for her hire, for 2 months certain and 4 months uncertain. [*Ibid. No.* 172.]

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Set of 5 lists of tickets for payment of mariners, numbered and attached, viz.:—

(1) Note by Michael Hale that the tickets mentioned in this list were delivered by him to Ant. Stephens, by direction of John Fenn, the total amounting to 7,964*l.* 14*s.* 1*d.* With lists of mariners, the ships on which they served, and the sums due to each.—Dec. 1668. [*Book of* 42 *columns. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 270, *No.* 173.]

(2) Like note and list, total 5,217*l.* 12*s.* 10*d.*, Jan. 1669. [*Book of* 15 *columns, endorsed with summaries of this and the preceding book. Ibid. No.* 174.]

(3) Like list, total 2,458*l.* 6*s.* 5*d.*, 8 Feb. 1669. [7 *columns, attached at top. Ibid. No.* 175.]

(4) Like list, total 519*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* No date. [3 *columns. Ibid. No.* 176.]

(5) "Lists of tickets concerning the allowance of which there are some disputes, and several affidavits concerning them," total 2,730*l.* 2*s.* With the discrepant amounts in 2 columns. 1669. [6 *columns. Ibid. No.* 177.]

"*Jus Nobilitatis,*" or a treatise of the nobility of England, collected out of the body of the common law, with mention of such statutes as are incident thereunto. [By John Bryddale. Printed in 1671, but with differences.] [*Ibid. No.* 178.]

True interpretation, by Lodowick Muggleton, of the Witch of Endor, showing what a familiar spirit is, and arguing the impossibility of a spirit being raised without the body, &c. [54 *pages. Printed. Ibid. No.* 179.]

Poems in the handwriting of Sir John Finch [supposed to be addressed to his sister Anne, Viscountess Conway]. They begin respectively—

"Build me my mansion in a cypresse grove," 30 lines.
"All powerful God, whom nought can disobey," 34 lines.
"Thou bad enquirer of the birth of ill," 134 lines.

[*Ibid. No.* 180.]

Draft or copy of the first 2 poems, with considerable variations. [*Ibid. No.* 181.]

Elegy upon Sir John Denham, K.B., lately deceased, by Mr. Wase. *Inc.*—

What means this silence, that may seem to doom
Denham to have an undistinguished tomb?

[4 *pages. Ibid. No.* 182.]

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London Gazette, published twice a week. [56 *papers. Newspaper Collection, No.* 4.]

Gazette de Londres, published twice a week. [89 *papers. Newspaper Collection, No.* 8.]

Mercurius Librarius, published quarterly. [1 *paper. Newspaper Collection, No.* 2.]

1669. Diary of public events by Jos. Williamson from Jan. 8 to Oct. 14, 1669, being a continuation of the diaries already calendared. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II., Vol.* 271.]

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